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Part B for April 18

SUBJECT.

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To
The Comptroller,
" Rev. Commr.
" Dy. Commrs. of Dists
" Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce
" Manager, Mysore Bank
" Secy., E.D.A
" Heads of Depts.
No. M 6456-68 dated 2-5-18

W D 88—GPB—50,000—24-7-15

Sanctions a scheme for granting special loans to coffee Planters in the Mysore State.

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FILE HEADING.

~~Chamber of Commerce~~
Aid to Coffee planters.

From

The Chairman, Mysore Ch. of Commerce

No. 773 Dated 17th March 1917. Received 19-3-1917.

Diary No.	Enclos. Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwarding the resolution of the Committee of the Chamber in regard to the recent order of the British Govt. prohibiting the importation of Coffee into the United Kingdom.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

As personally directed by the Secretary, a draft is Subd.

SP
19/3/17

I was about to take some steps in this direction and was awaiting a communication from the Dir

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Serial No.	
6	From the F. A. Resident in Mysore No. 17 of 7/5/17 Requests to be informed of the estimated acreage & crop of plantation coffee in the State.

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According to the Season and Crop Report 1915-16 which is in the Press the acreage under coffee is 107,595 acres & the produce is estimated at 4275 tons. Draft may be appd. The information is urgently required by the Residency apparently in connection with the embargo on the export of coffee

8/5/17

184 / 8.5.17 2nd Member 9.5

Move at once by 1-30 p.m. & submit to Dewan for app.

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7 To the F. A. Resident in Mysore
No. OR 1118 of 5/5/17
Furnishes ~~[illegible]~~ the required information.
This has now to be submitted to Dewan
5/5

Subd for information
M. Sreeramachandradas

Dewan) Seen by Dewan 10/5/17

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No receipts from the Residency may be noted 6451 11.5.17

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Serial No. 8

From the 1st Asst. Resident. No. 1652 d/ 14/5/17

Forwards copy of a telegram from the Govt of India & requests that the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share may be [illegible] in conjunction with the Planters' Association & application for necessary certificate made to the Resident at as early a date as possible.

Submitted with drafts to the Chamber of Commerce at whose instance the correspondence was made & the Depts of Kadur & Hassan for necessary information being supplied.

The file was sent to the Dewan on 10/5 for information of letter issued to the Residency & has not been received back.

15/5

Please issue & submit to Secy

P. M. 15/5

Drafts issued & sent

15/5

Fr inf. ? Chamber's reply [illegible] to be appended

2nd Member

Dewan

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P. M. 17/5

Seen by Dewan

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Serial No. 5

Memo No. 1725 of 19/5/17 ~~from~~ of the First Asst Resident.

Forwards copy of a telegram of 18/5/17 from the Secy to the Govt of India Deptt of Ind & Commerce to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg in the matter of giving financial aid to the Coffee planters on account of restriction placed for importation of Coffee into the United Kingdom & requests to be favoured with the views of the Durbar on the several points raised in the communication & how far the Durbar are prepared to give similar assistance to the planters in the Mysore State.

The previous file was sent to the Dewan yesterday for information of action taken with reference to the previous reference received from the Residency.

~~The~~ The Govt of India wants ~~of~~ information as to the extent to which storage measures are possible & will be successful & whether assistance will not be rendered by banking concerns & how far they are withholding assistance & the minimum

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amount of assistance necessary

The reference of D.C. Kadur asking for help in this matter has been referred to the Dir of Ind & Commerce for opinion [illegible].

WD 19/5

The bulk of the coffee is taken to Mangalore and from what I understand there they may be able to provide storage for a large quantity of coffee. They expect only a single steamer and I believe the coffee has to be cured before it can be sent for which there is no time. The leading firms are of opinion that the concessions will prove ineffective. The question of Govt purchasing the coffee may be left out of account. The Bank of Mysore may accommodate planters to a certain extent. Taking the area under coffee cultivation in Mysore roughly at about 105,000 acres, even assuming that we may have to provide about Rs 20 per acre which is half the average amount

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of expenditure we shall have to provide at least 20 lakhs. This is a very serious responsibility to undertake under such circumstances. But it will be necessary to render some assistance. It will be difficult to arrive at any suitable proposal by mere correspondence. I would therefore suggest that the Dir. of I&C may be requested to send up definite proposal after personally discussing the matter with the Dy. Commrs & the representatives of the North, South & Mysore Native Planters' Associations. He may utilise the help of Mr. G. Narasinga Rao. The need of the Indian Planters is even greater than that of the European Planters.

20/5/17

2nd Member

I think the Chamber of Commerce may be consulted first

21.5

Please do so at once

21/5/

Dfts subd as directed

Dr 22/5/17

22/5

Issue at once

22/5

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11	Letter No 9610 d/ 22nd May 1917 to the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce — Forwards copy of the Govt of India Telegram and requests that the Govt may be favoured with the opinion of the Chamber on the general question raised, as well as the financial aid asked for, and to what extent the "Mysore Bank" may be expected to accommodate the planters.
12	Letter No 9611-2 d/ 22nd May 1917 to the Dy Comrs of Hassan and Kadur Distts — Requests them to furnish a report as to the approximate quantity of coffee that is still in the Distts and not forwarded [illegible]

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13 Letter No 9389 of 15th May 1917 to the Chairman Chamber of Commerce, forwards a copy of the Govt of India telegram & request that the distribution of the Mysore Planters' Share may be ascertained & settled in Conjunction with the Planters' Association and intimated to this office at once for application being made to the Residency for necessary Certificates

14 Letter No 9390 1 of 15-5-17 to the D. C.s of Hassan & Kadur —
forwards copy of the Govt of India telegram and requests that the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share of the Coffee crop may be settled in Conjunction with the Planters' Associations Native & European & intimated to this Office at once for application being made to the Resident at [illegible] for necessary

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15 D.O. letter No. 1012 of the 22nd May 1917 from the Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce regarding the manner in which the licenses are to be issued to the Mysore Planters to enable them to have their coffee shipped to Europe.

I have discussed the matter personally with Mr. Rose and obtained the approval of the 2nd Member to the proposal.

Issue draft at once

To be sent to the Dewan for info.

22/5/17.

16 Letter No Pol 1162 of 22-5-17 to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident [illegible] State that provisional licenses may be issued to the shipping Agents of Mysore Coffee Planters on certain conditions.

Memo No 9602 of 22-5-17 to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce - forwards copy of the above.

17 D.O. (Confl) No. 9613 of 23-5-17 to the Dy Commrs of Hassan & Kadur Dists.

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Forward copy of 8l/16 & request them to see that [illegible] are also able to take full advantage of the concession

Subd for submn to Dewan as ordered by the Secretary

23/5/17
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Dewan

Subd. for information.
Mahadevappa
23/5

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24.5.17

Seen by Dewan
24.6.17

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Fern Hill,
Niligiris,
22nd May 1917.

I send herewith copy of Residency letter dated the 19th May regarding the assistance to be given to Coffee Planters on account of the abnormal conditions created by the war. Two points require attention:-

(1) Whether any financial assistance should be given to planters in the way of advances until their crops can be realised; and

(2) whether measures for storing coffee are -- - feasible and likely to be successful.

The matter seems urgent. I shall be obliged if you will kindly take steps to consult the Financial Secretary, the leading Planters' Associations, and also the Director of Agriculture, if necessary, in the matter and send up final proposals within the time required.

'Copy'
W.H.
23/5/17

Immediate

Memo

A copy of the above D.O. from the Dewan together with a copy of the Residency letter referred to therein is forwarded to the Secy [illegible] with a request that immediate action on the lines suggested, be taken.

W.H.

Camp, Fern Hill
23/5/17

Immediate

Please put up Draft
D.M.
24/5

24/5/17

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Copy of Residency Memo requesting the views of the Durbar on the several points raised in copy of telegram dated the 18th May 1917, from the Government of India re the assistance to be given to coffee planters to safeguard their coffee against deterioration during monsoon.

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Telegram No.5654 C.W., dated the 18th May 1917, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla, to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore.

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Secretary of State cables begins My telegram of the 30th ultimo. Coffee as freight cannot be provided concession of import licenses covering half of crops may prove ineffective. I understand that only small portion of total crops can be sold in markets other than United Kingdom and that local consumption is not considerable and that special storage measures would be necessary against deterioration during monsoon. London representatives of Industry are communicating with planters regarding possible measures such as packing in tea lead transport to dry localities and pitting. All these involve practical difficulties but Madras Government and Mysore Durbar will no doubt give all possible assistance to planters in this matter. Question of Government giving financial assistance to industry by all means of advances until crops can be realised or by your purchasing it has been raised. Please consider the matter in consultation with Local Governments and Durbar and let me have your views as soon as possible ends. Government of India are not prepared in any case to go beyond system of advances on analogy of taccavi loans up to minimum requirements necessary to prevent serious detriment to the productive value of estates such assistance would be confined to meeting first wages and other current liabilities and secondly expenses of storage. Government of India would be glad also toknow to what extent storage measures are possible and how far they are likely to be successful. They presume however necessary assistance will in many cases be afforded by banks or agency houses and desire to be informed to what extent if any these are withholding usual facilities and if so, whether their reluctance can be overcome. But before coming to any decision they desire information as to minimum amount of assistance which will be necessary on above lines in case of planters in British Territory. Please suggest also within what term repayment should be made they are taking up matter separately with Mysore. Very early reply is desirable if action is to be taken before monsoon.

No.1725. Bangalore, the 19th May 1917.

With reference to my endorsement No.1652, dated the 14th May 1917, a copy of the foregoing telegram is forwarded to the Secretary to Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, with the request that the Resident may be kindly favoured with the views of the Durbar on the several points raised at a very early date.

The Resident may be further informed whether the Durbar are prepared to give similar assistance to planters in the Mysore State.

Sd/- T.St.G.Tucker, Major,
First Assistant Resident.

"Copy"

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R. No. 2818-16.

The connected papers are put up. The necessary action has been taken in the matter. The only thing that remains to be ~~attend~~ attended to now is that the Finl. Secretary has to be consulted.

DM 24/5/17

For favour of remarks
R. M.
24/5

Br: II

ASR

Subd. AML 25/5. In the copy of the telegram in reply it is stated as follows:-

'They (the planters) are taking up the matter separately with Mysore'.

Unless the extent of financial assistance wanted by the planters under the circumstances represented is known it cannot be said how far Govt. of Mysore can render help in the matter. As observed by Secy E&A ~~[illegible]~~ The Bank of Mysore ~~[illegible]~~ ~~easily~~ may accommodate to the extent required, and it is not clear whether any bank or agency house has withheld the usual facilities to the Mysore planters. In any case the Govt. of Mysore cannot undertake ~~any~~ direct ~~any~~ financial assistance to any larger extent than

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what can be made under the [illegible] Loan Rules –

But what special provision for this [illegible] & how the ways and means can be arranged have to be determined only after ~~the~~ [illegible] ascertaining the requirements of the planters –

It would be well to consult the Bank of Mysore also as to the extent they are prepared to accommodate –

Please put up Draft to Bank of Mysore
D. M.
26/5

25·5·17

(Br VI).

Draft subd.
26-5-17

18 Letter No. 729 of 24-5-17 from the ~~D.C. Hassan~~ Asst. Commr. in charge Kadur Distt. reporting that about 250 tons of Coffee are awaiting despatch to Mangalore.

Draft subd.
26-5-17

19. Letter No. 1052 of 28-5-17 from the Chairman Mysore Chamber of Commerce forwarding certain correspondence between the Chamber and Messrs Volkart Brothers.

ISSUE & SUBMIT.
for FURTHER ACTION

Subd.
28-5-17

2 Drafts submitted. as also statement of Coffee crop for 1915-16 received from the Mysore [illegible]

2 Drafts subd. for appl.

Issue the letter to the Commissioner the Chamber of Commerce [illegible] coffee [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] 28/5/17 [illegible] for the Secy

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20.	Letter No. 9915 of 28-5-17 to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce forwarding copy of serial 18.
21	Letter No. 1068 of 26-5-17 from the Secy., Mysore Chamber of Commerce forwarding copies of telegrams between the Chamber and Messrs Pierce Leslie & Co.

Subd.
MV
29-5-17

For information

Secy)

29/5

22. Letter No. 1070 of 28/5/17 from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce forwards copy of telegram from Messrs Volkart Bros. enquiring whether estates which have already ~~allotted their share crops~~ ~~[illegible]~~ disposed of their crops may allot their shares to others.
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Mr. Rose has already made a concession in allowing West Coast firms to get licenses for the full crop with them pending final allotment. Vide his telegram of the 26th May. I do not think that we can accept the present proposal viz. that estates which have already disposed of crops may allot their shares to others. The license will run till the end of the year. We may get information as to the actual quantity exported under the licenses issued & if there is a considerable balance left in our favour out of the total 2150 tons assigned to us, we may take steps to give other estates the

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advantage of the surplus.

[illegible]
30/5/17

2nd Member

I think this should be submitted to the 1st member.

The file is recd by me only today at 5 p.m. The branch people's mistake should be enquired.

[illegible]
13.6

Please put up after the Draft telegram said to Residency said to have been subd to the Dewan is received. D. M. 14/6

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13-6-17

Was not a message sent from Mysore by telephone regarding this file? The Supdt will kindly report who is responsible for this mistake.

This is the file which the Secy urgently wanted at Mysore. Please submit to the Secy after showing this to Mr G. N. Rao

D. M.
13/6

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14/6

Yes. A wire was received. The [illegible] of the branch people seem to be responsible for this mistake as explained & the file was shown to Mr [illegible] Rao also.

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The Regr is taking action in this matter.

D. M.
14/6

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Letter dated 6th June 1917 from the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Mysore, furnishing the views of the Chamber in the matter of affording financial aid to Coffee Planters.

As the original reference seems to have been mislaid I have put a copy of the telegram from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

The letter from the Chairman goes into the matter fully. The coffee to be shipped is only about 1500 tons out of which arrangements have been made to ship about 500 tons. No special warehousing facilities are required.

If the Home Govt can allow imports to the extent of 2/3rds of the crop required for consumption in England the Banks will no doubt assist the industry to a

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certain extent with funds and with this help it may not be necessary for Govt to intervene on any large scale if facilities are given for obtaining a return of the sale proceeds of the crop already sold.

Unless these two points are decided it is not possible for us to formulate any detailed proposals for financial assistance. Such assistance as I have indicated in the original file should be rendered through the Bank of Mysore.

A draft is submitted for appl.

10/6/17

Finl Secy
1st Member
Dewan

I have seen the original papers only today. I agree as regards the reply proposed. I have suggested a small alteration in pencil —

10/6/17

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3532 / 10.6.17 The First Secy is on leave. The papers were seen by the: Assistant Secy 10/6/17		These papers must have been sent to the H. by mere accident. However, the draft proposed is approved – Please send to Government before issue [illegible] 10/6 2nd member Dewan 10/6/17 Secy. Madras third member 13.6 is dealing with this — The letter as drafted and approved by the 1st member may issue 14.6.17 [illegible] Please issue D.M. 15/6
	25	Letter No. Pol 1247 of 16th June 1917 to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident — Forwards a copy of sl 24 & requests to be furnished with information as to the steps proposed to be adopted by the Govt of Madras & other administrations concerned with coffee planters . . Recorded. This will be kept in 'Recs' for the present with the connected files on the subject 18/6/17 D.M. 18/6 Secy D.M. 20/6 22/6 D.M. 22/6

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Recd
10/8/17

Letter No. 2641 of 7th August 1917 from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident on the subject of affording assistance to Coffee Planters in the Mysore State.

The previous papers on the subject are understood to be before the Dewan (having been subd ~~by D.S.~~ through P.S. II)

Subd

S.R. 10/8/17 W.D. 10/8 D.M. 10/8

In our letter of 16.6.1917 the main points were these:

(a) Some facilities should be immediately afforded for the return of the sale proceeds of the coffee allowed to be shipped.

(b) Some declaration shd be made as to the extent to which the shipping of the coming crop to the United Kingdom will be permitted or the outturn purchased by military authorities

(c) The Durbar wanted to know the intentions of the British Govt on these matters.

(d) The Durbar wanted to know what the Govts of Madras & other admns concerned with coffee planters would do.

Please call for the file & submit the papers to the First Secy to-day

P. 10/8/. D.M. 10/8

F 542 linked hereto.
N 10.8.17

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Of these as regards (a) + part of (c) the Residency letter gives the welcome information contained in the passage marked A in their letter and further ~~contains~~ offers the suggestion contained in the passage marked B.

(1) The Chamber of Commerce may be informed of these facts & suggestions & requested to bring them to the notice of the planters. (2) The planters who have addressed Govt direct may also be informed accordingly.

As regards (b) & (d) the Residency letter gives no information. Owing to shipping difficulties a declaration as regards (b) may not be easy & we need not press. But as regards (d) we may write to Residency again enquiring when the information will be furnished. (3)

We may also ask our Chamber of Commerce to furnish a revised estimate on the point referred to at C in the Residy letter.

Drafts as at (1), (2) & (3) above may be put up at once by A.S. Fin. In (3) emphasise that in a matter like this it is desirable that any action taken sh'd be uniform over the whole coffee area & the Durbar accordingly propose to wait until the action taken by the Govt of Madras & other admins becomes known.

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Recd. 6 pm.
16/11/8

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The 3 drafts as required are put up.
H. Secy.

11.8.1917.

M/s Fmi

Please get the drafts typed & send at once to 1st member & Dewan - Matter immediate.

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Typed drafts subd. as above
14.8.17

1st Member)
Dewan) 14/8/17

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14.8.17

I don't know if the Residency wish the information they have furnished to be made public or not. The F.A.R's letter has not been marked 'conf'. It would perhaps be more satisfactory to ascertain this before we issue the proposed draft letters to the Ch. of Commerce & the individual Planters. Then a D.O. to the F.A.R. from the H. Secy may do. The drafts have however been approved

14/8/17

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H.V.O
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The Residency letter (P.U.D) is in reply to our letter forwarding the suggestions of the Chamber of Commerce. The present letter to the Chamber of Commerce calls for their further views in the matter. The portion marked A in the Residency letter has already found publication in papers. Portion marked B has been expressly required by the Residency to be intimated to our planters. H Under these circumstances, there seems no need for a letter to the First Assistant to the Resident as suggested above. The letter to the Chamber of Commerce will however be marked confidential.

15/8/17 18/15/8

Dewan)

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16.8.17.

Taken by the Asst Secy, [illegible] Br, on 16.8.17.

All the three drafts have been appd by Dewan Sahib though the drafts are to the Residency & to the planters have not been initialled. The draft to the Chamber has been issued by Br VI. The same branch may now kindly issue the other drafts with Secy E. A.'s permission.

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Br VI) 22/8

Please issue them & re-submit to the H. Secy

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27 Letter No 1724 d/ 18th August 1917 to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, on the subject intimating the above & calling for some information

28 Letter No Pol 194 d/ 28-8-17 to the First Asst to the Hon'ble the Resident in reply to U 26.

29 Letter No 2098-100 d/ 28-8-17 to (1) Mr J. V. Shank, Planter, Makkut P.O. via Tellicherry, Coorg (2) Mr J. R. Errington, Proprietor, Buppoiji Estate, Koppa and (3) Mrs R. H. Morris, Manager, ~~Att~~ Athikan Estate P.O., explaining the situation and asking them to place themselves in touch with the United Planters' Association of Southern

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Note on "Coffee and Finance" by the Financial Secretary dated the 29th August 1917.

I have taken the opportunity of Mr. Meppon's visit to Bangalore to discuss certain aspects of the question with him. He speaks with first hand information as regards the requirements of both the European and Indian planters.

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A note× prepared by him is placed below. It places the problem within ~~the~~ easy range of ~~easy~~ practical ~~politics~~ finance.

He has assured me emphatically from his own experience as a coffee planter of long standing that Rs. 6 per acre will be sufficient to keep things --- going and prevent serious deterioration of the Estates. Even if every acre of coffee estate in the Mysore State were to get help at this rate the amount required will not be more than six lakhs. Mr. Meppon thinks that three lakhs will be sufficient.

The Mysore Bank has got an agency at Chikmagalur and the advances can be given through the -- Mysore Bank on the certificate of the Economic Superintendent or of the Deputy Commissioner. Perhaps mere Government guarantee ~~be not~~ may be sufficient. If necessary we may have to advance funds to the Bank to a small extent. The advances will be on standing crops and mostly repaid before 30th June 1918.

A scheme of relief on these lines can be easily drawn up and introduced by us. The low amount of advance proposed per acre will perhaps not be liked by planters, specially by the European planters who

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are accustomed to spend on a liberal scale on their estates. But anything like Rs. 40 per acre as stated in the Indian Planters representation or Rs. 60 per acre mentioned in the letter of the Chamber of Commerce is beyond the range of practical ~~[illegible]~~ finance. Advancing on that scale is sure to lead to a considerable loss on Government funds owing to the non-recovery of the advances. On the other hand we have very reliable information in support of the view that -- Rs. [illegible] per acre will be sufficient for practical purposes.

It is a matter for consideration whether we shall elaborate a scheme on the above lines and bring it into operation after consulting the Government of India or whether we should wait till the Government of India take action in respect of coffee ~~plants~~ estates situated in ~~the British States~~ their jurisdiction. I am personally of opinion that we may communicate the outlines of the scheme to the Chamber of Commerce and ascertain whether in their opinion it will meet the requirements of the situation. After consulting the Chamber we can -- place our scheme before the Government of India or the Madras Government enquiring whether they would guarantee half the amount as originally suggested by the Mysore Chamber of Commerce. The advantage in this course will be that the chance of heavier burden being thrown on the State will, to a certain extent, be avoided.

x Flag. G.

A ~~brief precis~~ chronological statement x of ~~the~~ important papers on the file is placed below for facility of reference.

31.8.17

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3.9.17

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1.9.17

1st Member
Dewan

I should suggest the scheme being considered at the next meeting of the Council when the [illegible] may be requested to be also present. [illegible] 1/9 1/9.

C. 163
14.9.17

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I am not sure whether the estimate made by the Financial Secretary will meet the needs of the planters.

Please bring up at the next meeting of Council

8.9.17

Genl Secy

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11/9/17

C.S.
Note in Supplemental list & circulate

11/9/17

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Subject.-

Question of granting financial assistance etc. to Coffee planters.

OPINION OF THE COUNCIL.

M/12/9/17

13/9/17
Matter may lie over till the end of the month. Report expected from Mr Rose by that time.

To Finl Secy with compliments

14/9/17

A/S Fin.

Please send a reminder to the Chairman Chamber of Commerce

M
14/9/17

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A draft reminder is subd.
(As the letter to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, was issued in the I. & C. department, it is for orders whether this reminder also may not issue from there.)

15/9.

Issue above.
3 days for putting up a reminder.
17-9-17

Subd. The following reply to the letter is already received. As such there seems to be no necessity to issue the reminder.

31 From the Secy., Chamber of Commerce.
No. 1579 d/ 13-9-17—

States that copies of the letter of the 18th inst. have been forwarded to certain planters' associations, and that the final recommendation of the Chamber will be subd. on receipt of replies from the associations

17/9.

Vide H. Secy's note of 4-9-17.

H. Secy). –
17.9.17.

The ad interim reply from the Chamber is

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1729
21.9.17

Submitted to Dewan Sahib for perusal.

M
18/9/17

Secy

24.9.17 do

P.R.D. :- 32 Letter No. 3127 of 25-9-17 from the F.A. Resident in Mysore :—

With ref. to para 3 of Sl. 28, states 1) that it is impossible to give Indian coffee preference over foreign coffee;

2) that there is no chance of the Mily. authorities buying Indian coffee as their requirements have already been purchased and

3) that it is not possible for the Home Govt. to purchase these, as there is the freight problem to be faced.

P.R.D. II. 33 Letter No. 1629 of 25-9-17 from the Secy. Chamber of Commerce giving the opinion of the Chamber in the matter of financial assistance.

Subd. The suggestions of the Chamber are:-

1) There is no use in buying British

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Treasury bills unless some definite assurance is given by Exchange banks of their willingness to advance funds on such credit.

2) By an investment in treasury bills, the bankers will be losers of the — difference of interest received on the investment, and that charged by banks in India for advances.

3) The revised estimate of financial assistance required is slightly over 10 lakhs, and the Chamber is of opinion that this is capable of further reduction by 33 % in case the Exchange banks give the above required assurance.

The other alternative proposed by the Chamber is the adoption of the system of Taccavi advances.

4) Nearer markets, such as Aden, Australia, South Africa, etc. are available, but owing to tonnage scarcity, these markets cannot be secured on ordinary business methods, and so, the Govt of India should be approached for the following concessions:-

a) reserving a proportion of tonnage in vessels sailing to the above named countries;

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b) The total prohibition of other than British coffee into India, Ceylon, Strait Settlements, East-Africa and Mesopotamia;

c) The prohibition to export coffee from the United Kingdom to countries east of Port Said, except under special license;

d) the preferential import of British grown coffee into Australia and South Africa.

5) Sanction should be obtained for the export of 1917-18 crop to the United Kingdom and to France.

P. W. D. I

Although the Residency letter No. 31x27 states that it is impossible to give Indian coffee preference over foreign coffee, and that it is not possible either for the Home Govt. or the Military authorities in India to purchase this coffee at a guaranteed minimum price, still the later Residency letter x forwarding a copy of the Govt. of India telegram shows that the present situation has been much bettered by the decision of the Govt. to permit the exportation of a limited

Sl. 34
No. 3129 R 25.9.17
From the First Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident
Forwards the Govt. of India [illegible]

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Quantity of Indian coffee to the United Kingdom.

Wm 27/9 1. The intimation from the Resy regarding the removal of restriction (in part) re[illegible] the shipping of coffee is submitted to the Dewan.

Has been submitted separately. M 28/9/17

2. In the Resy letter of 25-9-17. paper under Dispsl No. I, the Br. Govt. ~~[illegible]~~ have given their views officially on some of the points raised by the Chamber of Commerce.

A 3. A copy of this communication as well as of the other one (para 1) may be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for an expression of their further views, before any action is proposed to be taken on the paper under Dispsl No. II.

Fl. Secy).

NS
27.9.17.

A. This may be done.

M
28/9/17

1st Member
Dewan

Yes.
1/10

1324
1.10.

1904
2/10/17

This need not wait till the Dewan returns 6th Oct. as the matter is rather urgent.

Appd Draft / Send fair M 3/10 3/10

Draft above as A.
NS
3.10.17.

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Coffee

1) The attached papers are submitted for perusal.
2) This will very much simplify financing operations as financing agents can now be expected to finance as in other years.
3) Copies of A & B may be sent to Chamber of Commerce & the chamber asked to state whether any help from Govt is necessary after this. They have just sent in some proposals for financial help to the extent of 10 lakhs but these will require revision.

M
26.9.17

For member
Dewan

Yes. The extent of help now required will not be anything like what they had proposed at first. This would ease off the situation considerably.

WEE
26/9

1545
[illegible]

These may be communicated to the Chamber of Commerce without further delay.

3/10 WEE

Ms Gen
above para
M
3/10

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18
3.10.17
6. pm.

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A draft is subd.

(In this connection it is also subd. for information that H. E. the Governor of Madras has called for a conference of Planters and Bankers to be held at Ooty on the 5th of this month to discuss planting finances. Perhaps this is in connection with the Govt. of India telegram d/ 8-11-17.)

4/10/17.

Fl. Secy) with draft as per order.

4.10.17

Draft approved. May be issued from E & A Deptt. like previous commns. of Secy. has no sign —

4/10/17

[illegible])

Se[illegible])

Issue at once

5/10/17
D.M. 5/10

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~~Routine~~ Notes.

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Letter No. 3162 D, 3-10-17 from the F. A. Resident requesting to know whether there is any objection in accepting the proposal of the Madras Collector of Customs in the matter of shipment of coffee.

Subd. with two drafts, as per orders on the paper.

5/10/17. H. Secy).

5/10/17.

Please see if there is any prohibition to sending out copies of Resy. corres. in such cases. If not submit to F. A. (R. & with his approval issue.

5/10/17.

1st member). No objection seems to exist to sending copies. No letters should be communicated copies. Vide para 194 of the O. A. S. Manual.

To Wr VI) B/

5/10/17

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

A, B & C

W.D. 81—GPB—60,000—20-7-16

1438/6.10.17

Draft Appd 6/10

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36 To the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce No 3657 d 6-10-17 — Forwards extracts from Sl 32 & 34 and enquires what help is now necessary under the altered circumstances.

37 Letter No ~~3659~~ 3660 d 6-10-17 to the Chairman — Forwards extract from Sl 35 and requests him to ascertain from coffee planters whether they have any objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs Madras.

38 Letter No 3661-2 d 6-10-17 to the Deputy Commrs of Kadur & Hassan Distts —

Same as Sl 37.

From the Chairman, Chamber of Commerce: 1691 d 8-10-17.

With ref. to Sl. 36 above, states that the Secy. of State's telegram d 4th Sep. 1917 refers only to the balance of coffee unexported to the United Kingdom and of the sanctioned export.

Subd. The Chamber has also issued a circular to this effect.

10/10.

Fcleg). K
10-10-17

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M S Fin

The Chambers letter of 25-9.17 must now be fully dealt with.

A copy may be sent to the Residency with the request that the Govt of India may be moved kindly to take action, if there be no objection, on the lines indicated by the Chambers at A & B of their letter.

As regards direct financial help to planters to the extent indicated at C of the Chamber's letter, ~~an~~ enquiry may be made as to whether the Govt of India contemplate any action in the direction concerned. It is understood that the question was considered at a conference at Ooty on the 6th instant but the conclusions arrived at are not known.

Even if financial help is decided on I am not in favour of going beyond 25% of the estimated value of the crop. This will require about 5 lakhs.

Please put up drafts accordingly early.

M
11/10

A draft letter to Residency is put up.
& a reminder to the Ch. of Commerce
& Drn 12/10

F.C. ([illegible]) 18
14.10.17.

(1st Member
Dewan) M

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18.10.17

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Draft appd. by the Dewan
5.11.17

Issue for Secy.

Secy. [illegible]
7.11.17

Letter [illegible] camp d/ 6-11-17 to the F A Resident forwarding a copy of the Chamber of Commerce letter d/ 25-9-17. (Serial 35.)

Letter No 1769 d/ 8-11-17 from the Chamber of Commerce, Cochin/Mysore: states with reference to S. 31, that the planters who were consulted, are agreeable to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras.

Subd. with a draft to the Residency.

10/11/17 Secy.
10-11-17

14/11/17

1st member
Draft approved by the Committee
14/11/17

Issued [illegible] 11-17

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16/11/17

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From the Deputy Comr. Hassan Dt.
States with reference to Serl 38 that the North & Southern Planters Association are agreeable to the proposal ~~of~~ the Collector of Customs, Madras and no replies have been received from the Associations [illegible]

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[illegible]

Subd with a draft letter to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

~~Hon. Mr~~
22/11/17 F.C. Secy./.
AS
22.11.17

The latest estimate is 3500 tons vide draft as revised. However an enquiry may be made of the Chamber

M
22/11/17.

To Issue from Br. VI of Secy E&A apcy.
AS
22.11.17

R 23/11 Phased & issued today
24/11

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To [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To The Chairman [illegible]

No. 8 [illegible]

[illegible]

A draft letter to the Residency as per orders is put up
WM 28/11

2/29 Secy EtA): The Fl Secy is not in the Station – The draft might be kindly approved for issue

NB
29.11.17

No objection
I however enquired [illegible] the [illegible]
350 [illegible]

29/11/. [illegible]

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To F. A. Resident

No [illegible]

Furnishing the information called for in serl no 43 as to the estimated crop of coffee for the season 1917.

May this be sub'd to Fl Secy for information?

30-11-17. Fl Secy). 30/11/17

1/12

From the Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce

No. 1438, 5-12-17.

In continuation of 11-33 [illegible], [illegible] a copy of a letter from the Dy. Commr., Kadur re financial assistance to coffee planters.

Subd. According to the figures furnished by the Director of Agriculture and the Revenue commissioner, the total amount of lands under coffee cultivation is about 1,10,000 acres. The District Economic Supdt, Mr. Meppen, states that financial assistance at the rate of ~~As~~. 6 per acre is sufficient. The Dy. Commr.,

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Kadur and the Indian planters of that District also think that this amount will suffice. The total amount of assistance required at this rate will be about 6½ lakhs.

But the chamber of commerce have, in their letter of 25th September 1917, stated that with the certainty of a poor crop to be marketed this year, it is risky to take acreage of cultivation as a basis, and accordingly they have recommended that assistance should be given at half the rate of the estimated value of the crop. The amount of assistance required is thus calculated by them at 10 laks. 364 D.

Picking of crops commence in December, and so the Indian planters of Kadur have requested for immediate assistance.

(Notes contd)

Meanwhile the following letter from the Residency has been received:—

No. 3838 D, 5-12-17 from the F. A. Resident intimating that

6/12/17.

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Serial No.

Shipping Controller has stated his inability to give coffee even a secondary preference.

Subd. with a draft intimating the Chamber.

6/12. 7(Secy). 7.12.17

11/12

Issue fair for VI as usual 10/12

Dy. No. [illegible]

To the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce - 5121-F [illegible]

With reference to [illegible], states that the Shipping Controller has stated his inability ~~to~~ give coffee even secondary preference.

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No. 3398 4-12-17.

From the Dy. Comr., Kadur Dt., stating that the planters have no objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs regarding the export of coffee.

A reply has already been sent to the Residency. No action is necessary on this paper.

10/12/17.

10/12

[illegible] place [illegible] 10.12.17

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Letter No. 3919, 18-12-17 from the F. A. Resident — With reference to [illegible] camp to 9, 6 11 17 forwards copy of a letter [illegible] the [illegible] India to the Resident on the subject and requests certain information wanted therein.

A draft to the chambers of commerce as ordered is put up.

20/12/17. F. C. (Secy). 20/12/17

Sub'd to Secy E&A.

21-12-17

I do not know why this has come to me. I agreed to correspondence issuing from ~~the~~ Branch VI. If I am to deal with the file the whole question may be transferred to me

A

24.12.17.

1. Draft sub'd. to 1st member for approval.

2. As Mr F.C. Secy has been granted 2 months leave it seems desirable that the arrangement should be approved, at all events for the present. The matter is important & urgent.

21.12.17

(1) Draft app'd.

(2) What is the arrangement referred to above for approval?

22/12

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(1) Issue thro' Br VI as usual. 23/12

(2) Resubmit when replies are received on the subject 26/12

26.12.17

G. R. S. III-2.

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To Br: VI for favor of issuing the draft and returning the file soon after.

MM
26.12.17.

To The Chairman, Mysore Chamber.
No. 6108 D/ 28-12-17—

Requests to be furnished with certain information wanted by the Residency.

From the F. A. Resident —
No. 4061 D/ 24-12-17 — forwards a copy of the Govt. of India Notification prohibiting importation of foreign coffee into India.

A draft to the chamber is filed.

As the information is an important one and has to be brought to the notice of the mercantile community it is for orders whether this Notification may not be published in the Gazette

MM
29/12.

1. The draft may issue thro' Br VI as usual with permission of Secy.

EHA.

2. A copy of the Notification may be

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Seems to be republished in the Mysore Gazette. Draft might be put up after issuing

[illegible]
29.12.17

The Notification should I think issue from Dn III. Please consult Mr. Srinivasa Iyer personally & bring up - this should not have been allowed to lie over like this

4/1/

The file was shown to the Asst. Secy Dn III who was pleased to say that there is no necessity to issue this from Dn III as the Act under which the order is signed by the Govt. of India is not in force in Mysore and the Notification has been sent only for information of the Durbar. And it may therefore be published in the Gazette for public information.

[illegible] 4/1/18

Will be published after perusal

4/1/18

Issue number [illegible] 5.1.18

[illegible] 5/1

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4.1.18

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	Draft put up. Notfn. is also put up 5/1/18 Secy
	D. M. appd. D. M. 5/1
	R 5/1
	Issue D. M. 5/1
B/1	11
	To The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce — 6386, 7-1-18.— forwards a copy of the Govt. of India notification prohibiting the importation of coffee into India.
	To the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, 6387, 7-1-18. Notifies the notification for general information

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No. 113—C d/31-12-17 from the F. A. Resident forwarding a copy of the Govt. of India telegram to the Secy. of State urging upon the Shipping controller to permit a certain quantity of coffee to be exported to the United Kingdom.

Subd. The coffee file was sent to Br. VI. for issuing the previous letter to the chamber but as the Secy. C. & A. is absent and is expected to attend office only tomorrow, the letter has not yet been issued, and the file is on his table.

If approved, a copy of this telegram will be forwarded to the chamber stating that this is in

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continuation of the letter from the Govt. of India informing that the shipping controller has stated his inability to give coffee even secondary preference.

3/1/18.

Yes. Please draft and let us also issue [illegible] along with the previous Commn.

3.1.18.

When is this Please put this [illegible]

4/1/18

Draft submitted.

4/1/18.

To B. VI

4/1/18 This was sent to 2nd Member yesterday.

5/1/18

5/1/18

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Subd. The main file is stated to have been subd. to the II. Member.

5/1/18. Put up a clean draft for submission ~~to 2nd~~ member

5.1.18.

Clean draft subd.

5/1/18 to 2nd member) for approval.

[Under the present arrangement these papers are being dealt with by the Fl Secy in Br II, but all communications issue in Br VI with the permission of the Secy 2 & A].

5.1.18.

Approved

5.1.18

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5/1/18

Issued from Br VI
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5/1/18

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To The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce — No. 6385 D, 7-1-18. informs them that the Govt. of India have cabled to the Secy. of State for India requesting him to urge the Shipping controller to permit half the quantity of the 1917 coffee, etc. to be exported to the United Kingdom.

Subd. A reply is due to the Residency on certain information wanted by the India Govt. in the matter of financial assistance to coffee, and the chamber of commerce was written to to furnish the information. As no reply has yet been received, a draft reminder is subd.

11/1/18.

Mr VT) To issue as usual.

11.1.18

To The Chairman, Mysore chamber of Commerce — No. 6939 D, 17-1-18— Invites attention letter No. 6108 D, 28-12-17, and requests to furnish the information so on.

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No reply has as yet been received from the chamber. A second reminder is subd.

Issue
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28/1/18

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No. 7574 d/ 30-1-18 to the chairman, chamber of commerce — Reminds him once more to submit the information called for early.

From the chairman, Mysore chamber of commerce —
No. 2065 d/ 30-1-18 — furnishes the information called for in letter No. 6108 d/ 28-12-17.

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Subd. The information was called for by the Residency in their letter No. 3979 d/ 18-12-17. Draft is subd.

[illegible] 1-2-18.

H(Secy). 18
1.2.18

[illegible]
3-2-18

(1st member).

[illegible]
5-2

4/2

Issue
along 5/2/18

These papers are being dealt with by the H. Secy but the communication issue in the name of the Secy & HA, with his approval. 18

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2.2.18

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4/2/18

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Fr. the F. A. Resident.
No. 121 d/ 6-2-18 — With ref. to their letter No. 2979 d/ 19-12-11 furnishes the information called for therein.

P. W. J.

From the F. A. Resident.
No. 537 d/ 8-2-18
In continuation of their letter No. 115-C d/ 31-12-11, forwards copy of certain correspondence with the Govt. of India, showing that no instructions have been issued precluding the taking of coffee even when space permitted.

A draft to the chamber as ordered is put up.
9/2/18. (for member).

May be approved.
9.2.18

11.2

To issue from Dr. V. as usual
11.2.18
2747
11.2.18.

To the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce — No. 8079 d/ 13-2-18 —
Informs that no instructions have been issued precluding lines from taking coffee even when space permits, as stated in letter No. 6381 d/ 7-1-18.

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A. R. BANERJI, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Member of ~~Government~~. Council.

357/2.18

MEMORANDUM.

Dated 28th February 1918.

Industries & Commerce. *Department.* *Branch* VI.

Mr. Lake who had been to Delhi as a representative of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, in regard to the Coffee trouble, has interviewed me to-day. I send herewith notes of interview.

He has promised to send a communication as to the arrangements advocated by the Government of India. Takavi loans have been suggested. Preliminary work is necessary as to the holdings in the State under European and Indian Planters. Rough estimate has to be worked up as to the total amount of advances that may be necessary. The question is whether this work should be done by the Commerce Department. If so, necessary instructions have to be issued at once.

P.T.O.

Note.- Reply or action taken to be noted in the left margin.

GRSM.—456

D 2210

The Secretary will kindly put up a note with all the connected papers for disposal by circulation, if possible; as the season is advancing, if any assistance is to be given it must be given immediately.

W
28/

The papers are being dealt with by the Finl Secy - The note may be [illegible] prepared in Br II and submitted ~~the matter~~ if the Finl Secy has no objection. The matter is very urgent

R
28/7.

M/s Fin

Please put up pp. with a brief note. Has any official intimation been recd about Govt of India giving takavi loans for coffee in British territory?

M.
28/2

NVS

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Mr Yates in [illegible]

about 120,000 acres —

20,000 under Europe and planters —

rest in Indians — but scattered

[illegible] [illegible]. acres at

6¼ [illegible] — on mixed coffee

& [illegible] crops. —

Can [illegible] 4 or 5 [illegible]

roughly. [illegible] —

[illegible] against [illegible] [illegible]

tapping a [illegible] [illegible] in

estates. up to 30 acres.

Total [illegible] will be [illegible]

be

all details [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] agents

Planters [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] —

[illegible] Brook [illegible] —

[illegible] [illegible] — and in the Commerce Dept.

Mr Lattemayo [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible]. —

local offl. [illegible] planters — [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] WPA

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Mr. Lake's interview with the Members of Council.

A copy of the "Scheme of Relief by Govt. for the Coffee Industry" subd. by the U. P. A. S. I. to the Govt. of India is in the file.

No information has yet been received on the arrangements advocated by the India Govt. on this question. But, they have already in their ~~letter~~ telegram No. 5654 C. W. &, 18th May 1917 to the Chief Commr. of Coorg stated that they are not prepared to go beyond the system of advances on the analogy of takavi loans.

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The total amount of land under coffee cultivation in Mysore State is about 1,10,000 acres according to the figures x furnished by the Director of Agriculture. Of this, 25,000 acres is under European possession, and the rest under Indian. The estimate is only an approximate one, as the entire area is not completely planted up.

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Estimate:—

x Quantity of coffee remaining unsold. 980 tons.
Estimated crop for 17—18 } 3500 "
less 33 % not requiring }

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financial assistance as it has been already promised from the usual sources. } — 1,150 tons.

Total quantity requiring aid. 3350 tons.

If advances are granted @ 600 Rs per ton, the total amount required will be about Rs. 19,98,000 or nearly 20 lacs.

If granted at half the value of the estimated crop viz. @ 450 per ton, ~~the~~ as suggested by the Chamber, the amount will be about 15 lacs.

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Letter D, 28/2/18 from the Secy. N. P. A. S. I. forwarding details of their interview with the Govt. of India.

There are two main points in the Deputation Notes:—

1) That the Quarter Master General has placed an order with the N. P. A. S. I for 100 tons of coffee, and hopes to repeat the order once a week, provided the coffee is liked by the troops.

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2) Grant of taccavi loans @ 600 Rs. per ton ~~of~~ on crops already harvested &

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~~Rs~~ 450 on future crops, the question of interest to be settled. The total amount required for members of the N.P.A.S.I. alone is about 20 to 25 lacs, and the Mysore Govt. is to bear a share of this.

The exact amount required for the whole of the Mysore State, European as well as Indian, is not clearly known. The N.P.A.S.I. states that their estimated crop for 17-18 is about 3500 tons, whereas the Chamber has stated that the crop for the whole of the State is estimated at 3500. The N.P.A.S.I. seems to be a European concern; the Indian planters have their own Assns. such as the North Mysore Native Planters' Assn., and there are also planters who are not members of any association.

[May a copy of the letter with enclosures be sent to the Chamber to note the exact amount needed for the entire State?].

Sd/ M.R.
2/3/18

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In the P.W.D.
the amount
is estimated at
60½ lakhs for the
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COFFEE FINANCE.

I think it is desirable to tell the U.P.A.S.I. clearly and emphatically that loans on the scale given in the annexures to their Secretary's letter dated the 28th February 1918 is beyond the range of practical finance.

2 The loan asked for is Rs. 450 per ton against future crop and Rs. 600 per ton against crop already harvested. In the present state of the market it may be said that the amount asked to be advanced is nearly the full price of the commodity., the present market value of coffee being between Rs. 600 and Rs. 800 a ton. The Government of India refused to purchase coffee as a measure of relief on the ground that it was an unusual procedure. Heavy advance amounting almost to the price of the coffee is open to the same objection in a greater degree.

3 The scale of assistance asked for by the U.P.A.S.I. works out from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 per acre. In the case of some estates, e.g., ~~Hunebal, Marthagon,~~ Honeyvale and Merthikhan, Someserkhan, etc., the amount exceeds Rs. 100 per acre. Considering that there are about 120,000 acre of coffee in the Mysore State, a relief at this rate will require from ~~three-fourths to one crore~~ 60 to 80 lakhs of rupees This is, as I have already said, financially impracticable.

4 On the basis of so much per ton on the out-

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out-turn also, we arrive at a similar figure. On this basis for the three Mysore Associations only a sum of about 10½ lakhs will be required. Considering that the area covered by the Mysore Associations is only about one-sixth of the total area under coffee in the Mysore State it will be seen that about Rs. 60 lakhs will be required if financial assistance on the scale proposed were to be impartially given to all growers of coffee on their out-turn. In the U.P.A.S.I. Secretary's letter and also in the deputation notes attached thereto, it is stated "that the Government of India are recommending to the Government of Mysore the advisability of adopting this measure" ~~with~~ (i.e. loans on a lavish scale) "and it is hoped that they will see their way in doing so.". No such recommendation has yet been received and this statement does not occur in the "Government's notes."

5. If any recommendation accepting the U.P.A.S.I.'s proposals is received from the Government of India I think we must respectfully point out that loans on the scale proposed by the U.P.A.S.I. are quite outside the scope and intention of our Taccavi rules. As those rules embodied in pages 735 to 777 of the Mysore Revenue Manual clearly shew they are intended for the benefit of poor and ignorant ryots who would be otherwise helpless. They are intended to be availed of by ryots to whom money would not be otherwise available at ordinary market rates. They are not intended for the benefit of large landed estates. The maximum amounts that can

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be given in the several cases, are quite small being Rs. 200, Rs. 1,000, Rs. 5,000, and Rs. 200 according to the nature of the object for which the loan is -- given. Of course I am referring here to section 194 of the Mysore Revenue Code which alone is applicable to the case under consideration. There is no question of granting loans in the present case under the Land Improvement Regulation of 1890.

6 In the "Government's note" on the interview, it is stated that the U.P.A.S.I. prefers that advances -- should be given on the security of crop rather than on -- that of the estate~~s~~. This will not be possible under ~~an~~ our Taccavi rules. The estates must be mortgaged and if necessary collateral security given. In the case of estates which are already heavily mortgaged the collateral security ~~as~~ will have to be proportionately ---- greater. The offer namely, that future crops also -- may be taken as security, is not acceptable. A thing which does not exist at present is not a good security. Moreover taking future crops as security ~~proposed,~~ implies that Government will have to finance the growing of those crops also. In short the very first condition of any system of Government loans will be that adequate security must be given and the estate itself must be a part of the security ~~parteof the security.~~

7 After all no one can expect the Government ~~estate~~ to indemnify him or his business against all -- losses caused by the war restrictions. Every one must be

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be prepared to lose heavily as a necessary sacrifice during the War. The utmost that can be expected is that the ~~state~~ Government may give such help as will prevent an industry from disappearing or ~~as~~ will prevent valuable property from seriously deteriorating. ~~and~~ Even this help should be given only in cases where private financers cannot be induced to advance the required amount. I do not see it is stated anywhere that if the planters are prepared to mortgage their estates, they cannot raise -- money. On the other hand even when they want advances from Government they say that they prefer not to mortgage their estates.

8. For the foregoing reasons, all that I am prepared to recommend is an advance calculated at the rate say Rs. 6 per acre, on the usual terms regarding security, interest, etc., applicable to Taccavi loans. -- Even this may require about five or six lakhs of rupees for the whole State. I have got the assurance of an experienced planter that ~~this~~ an advance at this rate will be just sufficient to prevent the estates from seriously deteriorating. It will of course not be sufficient for -- raising a heavily manured crop for the next season. But owing to the difficulties of the situation it is desirable to curtail production and for the next crop only a part of each estate need be manured and that also -- lightly. If considered necessary by experts this rate ~~rate~~ may be raised to the extent absolutely necessary,

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but I do not think it should on any account be beyond Rs. 10 per acre.

9 There are many objections to the financial assistance being calculated at so much per ton on the estimated or harvested yield. In the first place it be would quite unusual and opposed to the spirit of our taccavi loan rules. In the second place it would involve on Government ~~a definite~~ an indefinite financial liability. It is difficult to estimate the yield accurately and as there is a very large quantity of unshipped balance of the last year, the two may ~~get~~ set mixed up. ~~In the last place~~ Lastly, the working arrangements would be exceedingly complicated if this basis for financial assistance is adopted. ~~The~~ A taccavi loan at the rate of so much per acre actually under crop this year would be a much simpler basis, ~~simpler one~~ loan. 10 If the view explained in this note commends itself to Government, then a suitable reply embodying the main points will be sent to the U.P.A.S.I. of course without committing Government to any definite scheme.

M.
4.3.18

IMMEDIATE.

1st Member
2nd Member

[Sometime ago I got a descriptive index prepared of all the important papers in the file. Asst. Sec. will please bring it up to date for convenience of reference. M. 4.3.18]

Hay 9.

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3017 / 5.3. I fully concur with the views expressed so kindly by the H. Ly. I don't think we can commit ourselves to anything more than what he has advised us to.

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144 / 6.3.18 This may be discussed at next Tuesday meeting as this is very urgent. [illegible] reply has been given [illegible]. Please take the Dewan's orders accordingly

Y 6.3

In the mean time we can usefully enquire of the Resid'. as [illegible] as to Govt of India's own intentions in the matter

[illegible] 6/3

9 [illegible] 18 / 7.3.18 Asst Sec to put up draft to Residency. I am not however in favour of addressing the Residency at this stage. The file with the draft may go to Dewan through 1st member for such orders as he may pass regarding the issue of the draft & also regarding discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

M 7/3.

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1st member) :. Vide Ft Secy's note of date — 18
7/3/18.

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No objn. to discuss this subject at the next Council meeting at which the Ft. Secy may be requested to be present. But it does not seem desirable for us to approach the Resident now.

8/3

P.U.D

Resubmitted to Ft Secy with the decided opinion of the C.S. as communicated thro' Resy letter recd just now

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8.3.18

Will be Resubmitted to 2nd member
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1st member
Dewan)

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Yes. Please circulate to 2nd member also. The subject is down for consideration at the next Council meeting

Sd. 9/3

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9/3/18

I did write that my proposal to address Rt. was to get this letter issued expeditiously.
11.3.

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		Draft order submitted [illegible])
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COFFEE FINANCE.

A draft regarding assistance to coffee planters prepared in accordance with the Council Resolution of Tuesday last is submitted for approval. I have discussed the matter fully with Messrs Puttanna Chetty and Rose. They have no objection to the Bank being associated in the work in the way suggested in the draft. Mr. Puttanna Chetty raised the question of remuneration to the Bank for this work but this may be settled afterwards between the Bank and Government

In the course of discussion, however, Mr. Rose expressed his doubt as to whether a rate of Rs. 7 per acre would be adequate and satisfy a section of the planters. Mr. Puttanna Chetty was inclined to the view that the rate might be raised to Rs. 10 so that the estimated amount for the Mysore State may be about 12 lakhs which will be a little more than the amount sanctioned by the Government of India for -- Madras and Coorg and approximately proportional to our coffee ~~estates~~ area.

I see from the papers that the Madras and Coorg Governments are in communication with each other to determine the mode and scale of help. I think it very desirable that Mysore should also join in the discussion so that one uniform method of help may be adopted for the whole coffee area. If the British Indian Government decide to give help on a more liberal

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scale, it is perhaps likely that Mysore will have to adopt that scale afterwards. It would be much better than that to adopt the same scale from the beginning. In this view I have ventured to put up a draft demi-official to the Residency which may -- issue if approved.

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13.3.18

Dewan.)

P.S. Both Mr Pullana Chetty & Mr Rose thought that the rate of interest might be raised from 6¼% to 7½%. The point is not however an important one & moreover we have to adopt the same rate as Coorg & Madras for obvious reasons.

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13-3-18.

From the F. A. Resident - No. 898 d/ 15-3-18. - In continuation of letter No. 821 d/ 7-3-18, states that it would be better if assistance were given on similar lines to those adopted by the Madras & Coorg Govts.

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Coffee finance

Residency D.O. of 20.3.18 & Dewan Sahib's order thereon

1) A draft reply is put up as desired.

2) Unless the Dewan Sahib desires to attend the conference himself, the 2nd Member may be kindly asked to attend. I shall also attend with necessary papers if required.

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21.3.18

Dewan

Draft of the d.o. letter issued to the First Asst. to the Hon'ble the Resident is placed in the file. 23.3.18.

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	taking coffee even when space permits as stated in No. 6385 d/ 7-1-18.

From the F. A. Resident — No. 1146 d/ 5-4-18 — forwards copies of correspondence ~~showing that~~ permitting the export of 706 tons of coffee to the United Kingdom from the Mysore State —

Subd. According to the original arrangement, 814 tons were to be permitted from Mysore, but now only 706 tons are allowed.

If ordered, the chamber may be written to, to settle the distribution amongst the different estates, in conjunction with the Planters' Association, Indian and European, and intimate the Govt. with the arrangements made so that the Resident may be ~~m~~ asked to issue the necessary certificates.

8/4/18.

(contd) Meanwhile the following have been received: —

From the Secy. North Mysore Indian Planters' Association d/

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4-4-18 forwarding a copy of the resolution of their association that Govt. should be asked to assist them early on the lines adopted by the Madras Govt

P.U.D III

Letter No. 6105 of 6th April from the Secy. to the Economic Conference forwarding a copy of a letter from the Dy. Commr., Hassan, stating that the Indian planters urge the necessity for Govt. helping them very early.

Subd. Orders reqd. on 2 · P.U.D I & P.U.D II.

~~Not~~ [illegible]
8/4/18.

[illegible] 8/8-4-[illegible]

IMMEDIATE

P.U.D I

Please put up a draft to the Chamber of Commerce enquiring what the distribution amongst Mysore Estates should be - ?

P.U.D II

Inform the Hony: Secy. that it is understood that the subject is still engaging the attention of the ~~[illegible]~~ several parts concerned and that he will be communicated with

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a decision is arrived at.

P.W.D III

Similar commns to Dy Commr & President Dist Com. Hassan.

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9/4/18

[The file is getting unwieldy. Asst Fin will please split it up into three sections each with a full index:
I General question of help to Coffee Industry
II. Communication with European planters
III Do Indian

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9/4/18

To Comml for R.M.

3 Drafts subd.
DMM
8/4.

Issue draft approved.
Resubmit the other draft with the refs flagged [illegible]

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10.4.18

Drafts 2 & 3 issued. Draft 1 is resubd.
DMM. Fr Secy)
10/4.

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10/4/18

Please make a clean draft, submit to 1st Member & then transmit to Secy E & A for issue with approval of 2nd Member)

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10.4.18

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Please submit to II Member
DMM
11/4

Secy E&A with compliments) 3304/16.4

1st Member) Mr G & Secy 2)

Approved [illegible] 11/4

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To save time the draft may come from the Fin. Branch & the file ~~returned~~ to me. It will be submitted to 2nd Member afterwards with the draft scheme which the Council desire ~~[illegible]~~ to be prepared at once & put up for approval

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18/4/18

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To The Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce – H. 5895-8/18/4/18 –
States that only 706 tons are to be exported from Mysore, and requests to allot the same amongst the different planters.

The Draft order and forms are herewith forwarded to the Govt. advocate, with compliments for favour of an expression of his views and suggestions.

So

S. Sreenivasa Iyengar
For H. Secy

18.4.18.
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I perused all the necessary papers on the subject & examined the forms drafted in the office. Some of them require slight

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modifications & I have informed the asst Secy what they are. A separate form for the mortgage of crops standing or future as the case may be is also required - I shall in due course give the drafts of all the forms required for the purpose, if the date by which they are required is intimated to me.

S Doraswamy Iyer
19. 4. 18.

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i) Draft of D.O. to Resident

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with annexures
A, B, B2 B3 B4*
C, D, E, and F.

(* B4 being drafted by Govt Advocate - crop security)

Coffee finance.

1. I submit herewith a draft Government order prepared as per Council resolution of Thursday last, regarding the scheme of financial help to coffee planters in the season 1918-19.

2. As regards the security we have adopted the same plan as in Madras, namely the estate to be the primary security, the crop a collateral security, ~~and~~ further property or personal security will be ~~ties being~~ required at the discretion of the sanctioning authority~~ies~~. In this connection attention is invited to para 4 of the Hon'ble the Resident's D.O. letter of 16th April 1918. We have provided that every case in which the estate is not given as security should be submitted to Government for orders so that Government may exercise the necessary discretion.

3. As regards the agency of disbursing the loans we have left it to the option of the borrower either to deal with a government treasury or the Mysore Bank.

4. In para 4 of the D.O. letter dated 16th April 1918, the Hon'ble the Resident has suggested that we should further consult the Planters' Associations before issuing final orders. We have already consulted all classes of planters and it is a matter for consideration whether anything further can be gained by again consulting them. It is important to issue an order as early as practicable.

5. A few other points also require consideration

in this

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in this connection:

(a) The appointment of a suitable Officer as special duty Officer to work the scheme. I -- would suggest that an experienced officer of -- the rank of Deputy Commissioner be appointed -- for the purpose. I have asked the Chief Secretary to take necessary action in the matter. As a large sum of government money will have to be dealt with by the Officer and considerable loss may arise if the cases are not properly handled I would suggest that a senior and a really capable and tactful Officer be selected. A suitable establishment must also be sanctioned for this officer, whose headquarters may be at Chickmagalur.

(b) It is for consideration whether the application form, the security bonds, loan orders etc should also be translated and printed in -- Kannada for the benefit of Indian planters. I think this may be done.

6. The Government Advocate has promised to go carefully through the security bond forms as now prepared, the application form and the loan order form and has promised to supply revised - copies legally accurate on Monday next. The forms as finally approved by him will be adopted. In the meantime, I solicit Dewan Saheb's approval ~~for~~ to the draft order and the annexures in a general way. After I receive back the -- file with his approval I shall get the orders with annexures ~~printed~~ set up in type and will submit proof ~~x~~

copies

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copies with a draft submission note for final approval.

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The order was read to the Dewan & Councillors & finally appd by them. It may now be put in type in the Mysore Govt Press (Branch) and half a dozen clean proof copies obtained with all the annexures as finally approved by the Govt Advocate. It will be convenient if A/S Jun sends the matter to the press at once gets a rough proof & incorporating (to be read [illegible]) the Govt Advocate's alterations gets a clean proof afterwards.

After the clean proofs are obtained a copy will be submitted with a D.F.N & D.S.N to Dewan thro' 1st Member & after H.H's approval issue immediately.

21.4.18

Recd 9.30 a.m.

Papers sent to the Supdt, Govt Press, Mysore at 10.35 am for being set in type. Govt advocate was reminded again yesterday. Supdt Br II has also been telephoned today.

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COFFEE FINANCE.

I submit herewith the draft of a D.O. letter to the Hon'ble the Resident for favour of --- approval.

21.4.18

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[The main file with annexures finally approved by the Govt Advocate and a proof copy of the order will be submitted with a D.F.N & D.S.N. as soon as possible]

The Dewan desired that the submission of the main file may kindly be expedited.

This D.O. reply cannot issue, until the main proposals are formally sanctioned by His Highness.

By Order,

23/4/18.

Please retype & send back before 3 pm.

D F N & D.S.N. submitted.
If approved a clean copy of the proof will be sent to the Govt advocate for his further scrutiny as desired of him

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24/4/18

Yes. at once please write a request to send the result of further scrutiny by day after tomorrow.

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Fair final note signed by First member.

D.S.N. submitted.

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Dewan)

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

No. 7748
27-4-18

Subject.

Financial assistance to Coffee planters.

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Order.

KRW
30/4/18

Financial sanction

1.5.18

A/s Fin.
(1) Get the order printed & issued by tomorrow if possible. Copy to chamber, U.P.A.S.I. [illegible]
(2) Draft D.O. to Resident, Ans., Press etc.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the First Member of Council and a draft order on the question of financial assistance to coffee planters, for His Highness' gracious approval.

M. Visvesvaraya
27th April 1918.

Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject:-

Financial assistance to coffee planters.

These papers relate to the subject of giving financial assistance to coffee planters in Mysore. His Highness' preliminary sanction was obtained to a scheme of granting advances on the takavi loans system with certain modifications and it was proposed to issue final orders after ascertaining from the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore how the Madras and Coorg Governments intend to deal with the question.

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With his demi-official letter dated 16th April 1918, the Hon'ble the Resident has furnished a copy of the order issued by the Madras Government with some remarks of his own for the information of the Durbar. The draft order originally prepared has been very carefully revised by the Financial Secretary in consultation with the Government Advocate and it was approved in Council on 18th April 1918.

The Dewan, the Second Member of Council and myself again considered the subject on the 21st instant at Mysore and the draft, as now submitted, was finally approved.

The main features of the scheme are:-

1. To ensure expeditious disposal of loan applications, it is proposed to appoint a Special Officer for a few months for the purpose of receiving loan applications and working the scheme. A Committee including representative

coffee planters will be associated with the Special Officer. That officer will be empowered to grant loans up to Rs.5,000/-, all loans exceeding this sum being sanctioned by Government on receipt of the Special Officer's recommendation through the Deputy Commissioners concerned. As a large sum of Government money will have to be dealt with by the Special Officer and considerable loss may arise if the cases are not properly handled, it is considered necessary to select a senior and tactful officer for the purpose. Separate proposals will be submitted regarding the appointment of the Special Officer and his establishment.

2. As regards security for the loan we have adopted the same plan as in Madras. The coffee estate in respect of which the loan is applied for should ordinarily be the primary security and the crop collateral security. All cases in which the estate is not offered as security will come up to Government for consideration.

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3. After the draft × order, as finally prepared, is approved for issue, a copy of the same will be forwarded to the Hon'ble the Resident for favour of information. The Government Advocate is still scrutinizing the wording and pharseology of some of the draft agreement forms and any verbal changes which may be suggested by him later on will be adopted while issuing the order.

First Member of Council

25 April 18.

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1) The Coffee Finance Order in print is submitted for perusal before issue.

2) A draft letter Reg. forwarding copy is also put up

~~3) ... Draft ...~~

3) Draft for notifying that the Special Officer will not be appointed at present and asking the Dci of Kadur & Hassan to do his work is also put up.

F. Secy)

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O. 1) may issue at once.
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Issue today
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GEN. & REVENUE SECRETARIAT

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

R. S. III-2]

General and Revenue Secretariat.

File No. of 191 .

Serial No.

Residency D.O. Letter No. 89 dated 29th April 1918 to the Dewan Saheb regarding the purchase of 2,000 tons of coffee by the Greek Government.

Draft reply is put up.

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2-5-18

Dewan)
The D.O letter has been issued and the file re-submitted – HR
2.5.18

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G. R. S. III-2]

General and Revenue
Secretariat.

File No. 2067 of 191 .

Serial No.

Memo 1321 d/ 19-4-18 from the F. A. Resident forwarding copies of correspondence with the South Mysore Planters' Assn. asking for preference for first hand coffee.
Draft subd.

Subd. 25/4. F.A. Secy)

26/4/18

clean draft subd.
[The draft approved by the Hon'ble Councillor was sent to F.A. Secy yesterday].

Subd. It was too late yesterday, and further I was busy with the [illegible] which is to be sent to Durbar at once.

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1st member)

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Apd
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Issued
1/5/18

To the F A Resident
No. Pol. 1003 d/ 2/5/18 – States that the Durbar are in agreement with their views.

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

Granting Special Loans to Coffee Planters in the Mysore State.

Sanctions a scheme for ——

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Granting Special Loans to Coffee Planters in the Mysore State.

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

Letter No. 773, dated 17th March 1917, from the Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, regarding the embargo on coffee shipments.

2. Correspondence ending with No. 8838, dated 5th December 1917, from the First Assistant Resident, intimating that the Shipping Controller was unable to give even secondary preference to coffee.

3. The several representations from the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, individual Coffee Planters, and Associations of Planters in Mysore.

4. Correspondence on the subject ending with Memo No. 823, dated 7th March 1918, from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident intimating the views of the Government of India regarding assistance to coffee industry in Madras and Coorg.

Order No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

After carefully considering all the aspects of the case, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that a system of loan on the analogy of the Taccavi system is the most suitable and practicable form of help to be offered.

2. The following scheme of granting advances to coffee planters in Mysore is accordingly sanctioned:—

(i) The loans will be granted under the Taccavi Loan Rules framed under Section 194 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code and printed in Chapter XII of the Mysore Revenue Manual, subject to the modifications introduced by this order.

(ii) Loans under this order will be disbursed only in cases in which Government help is considered absolutely necessary, and the amount of loan will be limited to such sum as is found essential after taking account of all other resources to enable the applicant to maintain his estate without serious deterioration.

(iii) The loans will be calculated at a rate not exceeding Rs. 30 per acre on the acreage under coffee crop fully worked in 1917-18 and expected to be harvested in 1918-19.

The actual rate will depend on the nature of the estate, the prospects of crop on the estate in 1918-19 and the aggregate area in respect of which applications for assistance may be received.

The maximum limit prescribed in the Taccavi Loan Rules for individual loans will not apply.

(iv) The loans will be repayable in one instalment discharging both principal and interest after the sale of crop for 1918-19. In cases of absolute necessity, the period may be extended to April 1920 with the special sanction of Government in each case.

(v) The rate of interest to be charged will be 6¼ per cent per annum.

(vi) The land itself, the crop thereon and such further collateral security as may be considered necessary to ensure timely recovery of the loan, will be taken as security in each case. Printed forms of application (Annexure A) and security bonds (Annexures B_1 and B_2), will be supplied to facilitate the completion of transactions. In the case of estates previously mortgaged, the consent of the mortgagee will be required to the Government loan being treated as the first charge on the estate. The mortgagee's consent should be obtained in the prescribed form (Annexure C), and attached to the application for loan. In cases in which the applicant is unable to furnish land as security, the application should be submitted for the order of Government, whatever the amount of the loan applied for may be.

(vii) The loans will be advanced in monthly instalments as shown below from June 1918 to March 1919:—

8⅓ per cent in June 1918.
8⅓ per cent in July 1918.
8⅓ per cent in August 1918.
12½ per cent in September 1918.
12½ per cent in October 1918.
12½ per cent in November 1918.
12½ per cent in December 1918.
8⅓ per cent in January 1919.
8⅓ per cent in February 1919.
8⅓ per cent in March 1919.

Small variations in the amount of instalments may be sanctioned by the Special Officer in cases coming under his power of sanction.

(viii) To ensure expeditious disposal of the loan applications under this order a Special Officer will be appointed for the purpose of receiving them and for working the scheme. A Committee including representative Coffee Planters of the districts of Kadur and Hassan will be associated with the Special Officer. The Special Officer will be empowered to sanction loans up to Rs. 5,000 after consulting the Committee. Applications for higher amounts should be forwarded to Government for sanction through the Deputy Commissioner concerned with the recommendation of the Special Officer and the Committee. The Special Officer will submit to Government a weekly progrees report of all applications in the form attached (Annexure D).

(ix) According to the desire of the borrower, instalments of the loan will be disbursed through any treasury of the Mysore Government named by him or the Bank of Mysore. Repayments may also be made at any Government treasury within the State or through the Bank of Mysore.

(x) Every person who takes a loan under this order will be expected to spend the full amount for growing the coffee crop of 1918-19 on the estate in respect of which the loan is taken. He shall maintain a regular account of the amounts drawn and produce such accounts for inspection when required to do so by any one authorized by Government in that behalf.

3. The Deputy Commissioners of Kadur and Hassan will give publicity to this scheme within their respective districts and render all necessary help to the Special Officer.

4. The Special Officer will call for applications from those requiring help, in the form annexed hereto. Applications not in the prescribed form or those received after 30th June 1918, will not be considered. Before 10th July 1918, the Special Officer will submit to Government a list of all applications for loans in the form attached to this order (Annexure E).

5. After considering the aggregate amount of applications and the funds available, Government will decide the actual scale at which it will be possible to make advances to various classes of estates. The instalments payable from September 1918 onwards will be regulated accordingly so that the total loan sanctioned in any case may not be exceeded. The instalments for June, July and August may be paid at rates not exceeding Rs. 2 per acre per month at the discretion of the Special Officer after proper documents are executed. The loan order will be in the form given in Annexure F. It will be issued to the party in the first instance with the instalments for June, July and August only filled in. After the application is finally dealt with, the Special Officer will communicate the fact to the party who will be asked to produce the loan order before the Special Officer. The further instalments will then be entered by the Special Officer in the proper cages and the loan order issued in a complete form. In addition to the acknowledgment for each instalment in the proper cage of the loan order, the party will give separate receipts for each instalment to serve as treasury vouchers.

6. It must be clearly understood that the grant of loans under the scheme now sanctioned does not commit the Government of His Highness the Maharaja to the continuance of such loans in the next and following years.

J. S. CHAKRAVARTI,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller.
The Revenue Commissioner.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce.
The Manager, Mysore Bank.
The Secretary, E. & A.
The Heads of Departments.

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

ANNEXURE A.

Form of Application for Special Coffee Loan under Government Order No. dated

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1. Name, father's name and residence of applicant.
2. Amount of loan required.
3. Object for which the loan is required.
4. Nature and extent of right of applicant in the estate for which the loan is required.
5. If it is desired that the instalments prescribed by Government are to be varied, the amount of the instalments desired.
6. Place where the instalments of the loan are required, whether in any Government Treasury or in the Mysore Bank.
7. Proposed place of repayment of the loan.
8. Proposed time of repayment.
9. Security.

    I. The estate in respect of which the loan is required offered as primary security.
        (*a*) Survey number.
        (*b*) Total area of the estate.
        (*c*) Area fully worked for coffee in 1917-18.
        (*d*) Area proposed to be worked for coffee in 1918-19.
        (*e*) Assessment.
        (*f*) Name of the registered holder.
        (*g*) Particulars of mortgages existing.
        (*h*) Whether the consent of the previous mortgagee has been obtained for treating the Government advance as the first charge.
        (*i*) Whether any arrears of revenue are due on the land.

    II. Crop for 1918-19, offered as collateral security.
        (*a*) Estimate of crop for 1918-19.
        (*b*) Estimated value.
        (*c*) Condition in which the crop is proposed to be disposed of.
        (*d*) Proposed method of disposal.
        (*e*) Approximate date of disposal.
        (*f*) Amount of crop for 1917-18 and value realized or expected to be realized.

    III. Any other lands or other immovable property offered as collateral security.
        (*a*) Survey number.
        (*b*) Area.
        (*c*) Assessment.
        (*d*) Name of the registered holder.
        (*e*) Particulars of mortgages existing.
        (*f*) Whether any arrears of revenue are due on the land.
        (*g*) Other particulars.

    IV. Personal.
        (*a*) Name of surety.
        (*b*) Father's name.
        (*c*) Occupation.
        (*d*) Residence.
        (*e*) Amount for which he stands surety.

10. Whether the applicant has taken any loan from Government or a State aided Agricultural Bank, and, if so, for what purpose and on what security.
11. Remarks.

Date

Signature.

Address.

ENCLOSURE.

(Consent of the morgagee + Annexure C)

No. FL. 6456-68, DATED 2ND MAY 1918.

ANNEXURE B_1.

SECURITY BOND TO BE EXECUTED BY A BORROWER OR BORROWERS OF COFFEE LOANS UNDER G. O. No.

THIS instrument made the............................day of........................191..........................

Between.................................of................................(hereinafter called "the mortgagor") of the one part and the Dewan of Mysore (hereinafter called "the mortgagee") of the other part.

Whereas the mortgagor $\frac{\text{has}}{\text{have}}$ received from the Special Officer acting for and on behalf of the mortgagee an order under Government Order No............, dated the.....................day of...........................191.....in virtue of which the mortgagor $\frac{\text{is}}{\text{are}}$ entitled to receive the aggregate sum of Rs..........as a loan from the mortgagee for the purpose of (here describe the work to be carried out or other object of the loan) and whereas security for the due application of the amount of the said loan and for the punctual repayment of the same according to the terms of said order is demanded by or on behalf of the mortgagee, and in order to furnish such security the mortgagor has agreed to sign these presents.

Now these presents witness that in consideration of the said loan and in pursuance of the said agreement the mortgagor doth hereby transfer to the mortgagee, his successors and assigns, the immovable property described in the Schedule A hereunder written and the appurtenances thereto as well as the coffee crop growing in or upon the said scheduled immovable property to hold the same by way of security subject to redemption as hereinafter mentioned.

And it is hereby agreed that if the mortgagor $\frac{\text{his}}{\text{their}}$ legal representatives and assigns shall duly comply with the terms on which the said loan has been granted and shall apply the same and every part thereof in the manner provided in the said order and shall duly repay the amount of the said loan together with any interest which may have become payable thereon or on any part thereof and all costs, if any, incurred by the mortgagee, his successors or assigns in making the said loan or otherwise in connection therewith the mortgagee, his successors or assigns shall thereupon retransfer the said immovable property and the crops, if any, then standing thereon to the mortgagor, his legal representatives or assigns or as he or they shall direct.

The mortgagor does further mortgage by way of additional security for the repayment of the said loan, the immovable property described in Schedule B hereunder written subject to redemption on the same terms and conditions on which the immovable property described in Schedule A hereunder written is liable to be redeemed.

[The above clause to be inserted in the event of other immovable property of the borrower being offered as collateral security.]

Provided always and it is hereby agreed that in case the mortgagor, his legal representatives or assigns shall fail to comply with the terms on which the said loan has been granted either by applying the amount thereof or any part thereof otherwise than as in the said order provided or shall not duly repay the amount of the said loan or any part thereof or any interest thereon or on any part thereof or any such costs as aforesaid then and in any such case it shall be lawful for the mortgagee, his successors and assigns or the Deputy Commissioner for the time being of..................to sell the said immovable property as described in Schedule A or any part thereof with or without the crops standing, if any, thereon (or other immovable property offered as collateral security as in Schedule B) or both and out of the proceeds of such sale to make good to the mortgagee, his successors or assigns the amount which in consequence of any such default shall be payable by the mortgagor, his legal representatives or assigns.

In witness whereof the mortgagor $\frac{\text{has}}{\text{have}}$ hereunto set $\frac{\text{his}}{\text{their}}$ hand the day and year first above written.

The Schedule A above referred to.

Registration District	Registration Sub-District	Village	No. and extent of land				
			Survey No.	Total area	Extent under coffee crop in 1917-18	Assessment	Tanks, buildings, wells, etc.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

The schedule B above referred to.*

Registration District	Registration Sub-District	Village	If the property is house				If cultivable land				
			Boundaries of the property	Description and value of buildings and how long likely to last	Extent of building site and of vacant ground or compound	Trees, wells, etc.	Survey No.	Wet or dry	Extent	Assessment	Tanks, wells, etc.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Signed by the abovenamed (*Signature of the Borrower.*)
Witness—
1. son of village of
2. son of village of

ANNEXURE B$_2$.

Security Bond to be executed by a Surety to the Borrower of Coffee Loans under G. O. No..................dated..................

Know all men by these presents that I............................of........................caste..................son of....................and residing at..............................am bound to the Dewan of Mysore in the sum of Rs....................(amount of loan) to be paid to the said Dewan of Mysore or to his certain attorney, successors or assigns, for which payment I bind myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives by these presents and as further security do hereby mortgage but without possession the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder written.

Whereas (name the principal borrower)..................has on the..............................day of..................19......received from the Special Officer..................an order under G. O. No................dated..................in virtue of which he is entitled to receive the aggregate sum of rupees..................(the amount of loan) as a loan from the Government of Mysore for..............(here state the object of the loan) and whereas by a deed of mortgage (give the date) executed by the said (name of principal borrower) the payment of the said sum with interest is further secured on the immovable property described in the schedule thereto annexed. Now the condition of the above-written bond is such that if the abovebounden (name of principal borrower) his heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives shall comply with all the terms on which the said loan has been granted and shall not apply the same or any part thereof to any purpose other than $\frac{\text{that}}{\text{those}}$ for which the said loan has been granted and shall repay the said loan with any interest payable thereon on or before the respective dates prescribed for repayment or shall in case of default in so doing make good to the Government of Mysore the amount not exceeding the said sum of Rs..........for which the said (name of principal borrower) shall by any reason of such default become liable, then the above-written bond shall become void, otherwise the same shall remain in full force and the principal amount and ~~that~~ the interest thereon due to Government may further be realised by the sale of the mortgaged property described in the Schedule hereunder written.

(*To be given when immovable property is offered as security by the surety.*)

The Schedule above referred to.

Registration District	Registration Sub-District	Village	If the property is house property				If cultivable land				
			Boundaries of the property	Description and value of buildings and how long likely to last	Extent of building site and of vacant ground or compound	Trees, wells, etc.	Survey No.	Wet or dry	Extent	Assessment	Trees, wells, etc.
1	2	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Signature of surety

Date Signed by the abovenamed Stalin in the presence of
Witness—
1. son of , village of
2. son of , village of

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* To be given in cases in which other immovable property is offered as collateral security.

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918,

ANNEXURE C.

Special Coffee Loans, 1918-19.

Vide *Government Order No.* ....*dated*........................ ..

Form of consent of mortgagee to release of first charge.

This Indenture is made the... day of..between.. .... hereinafter called the releaser of the one part and.. ....hereinafter called the mortgagor of the other part.

Whereas by a Deed of mortgage dated the......... ....day of................... ....executed by the mortgagor in favour of the releaser, the mortgagor mortgaged the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder written to secure the payment to the releaser of the sum of Rs.........with interest for the same as therein expressed and whereas the mortgagor is desirous of taking the loan of Rs.........from Government for working the said Scheduled Estate on certain terms and conditions one of which being that the said Government loan notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the above recited deed of mortgage should be treated as the first charge on the said property and whereas the releaser has agreed with the mortgagor to treat the said Government Loan of Rs.........and the interest due thereon as the first charge.

Now this indenture witnesseth that in persuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the premises, the releaser doth hereby release the said Scheduled property from the first charge which the releaser has upon it in virtue of the hereinbefore recited Deed of Mortgage and doth further agree to postpone the same till after the said Government Loan and the interest due thereon are fully discharged.

ANNEXURE D.

The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Coffee Taccavi Loans, 1918-19.

Under Government Order No. .....dated..............

Progress Report of the Special Officer showing the loan applications received and the stage in which each case stands.

Serial No. of application as per Application Register	Name of applicant	Name and locality of estate	Amount of loan asked for	Date or proposed date of inspection of estate	Date of Committee meeting	No. and date of decision of Special Officer or of letter to Government submitting the case for orders	No. and date of Government Order	Amount of loan	No. and date of loan order	Bank or Treasury, where loan is payable	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

MEMORANDUM.

Loans orders issued up to ... ... Rs.

Do during the week ending ... Rs.

Progressive Total ... Rs.

Date

Station

Signature of Special Officer.

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

ANNEXURE E.

List of Applications for Coffee Taccavi Loans, 1918-19.

Under Government Order No......................*dated*..........................

Serial No.	Name, father's name and residence of applicant	Village, Taluk and District of estate concerned	Number of acres fully worked in 1917-18 and that proposed to be worked in 1918-19	Nature of security offered	Amount of loan asked for	Preliminary recommendation of Special Officer as to the amount of loan that may be sanctioned	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ANNEXURE F.

Order granting a loan under Government Order No......................*dated*..........................

1. The sum of Rs..entered in the schedule attached hereto is granted to..residing at..............................son of ....(with the consent of..)as a loan under Government Order No..........................dated..........................for the purpose of..subject to the following conditions.

2. The conditions referred to are as follow :—

(*a*) That the amount of this loan shall be paid to the aforesaid (name of the borrower) in monthly instalments specified in the schedule attached hereto on the execution of the necessary security bonds, the first on the production of this order at (here enter place at which this order is to be presented for payment) and the subsequent instalments as under..................

12½ per cent in each of the months of June, July and August 1918,

8⅓ per cent ineach of the subsequent months including December 1918,

8⅓ per cent for the next three months January to March 1919.

(*b*) That the loan shall be utilized for the purpose intended, but that if any portion of the loan has been misapplied to any other purpose than that above specified or that the whole amount of the loan has not been fully applied to the purpose for which it was granted, the whole loan or such portion of it as the Special Officer may determine with interest at 6¼ per cent and costs, if any, shall be deemed to at once become due.

(*c*) That the loan with interest thereon at 6¼ per cent shall be repaid in one instalment on sale of crop in respect of which the loan is issued.

(*d*) That if default in repayment of whole or any part of the loan after the sale of the crop or the greater part thereof occurs and recovery cannot otherwise be made, the whole of the land or lands specified under condition (*e*) or such portion of it or them or of the crop hypothecated or both as the Deputy Commissioner of..........District, may deem necessary shall be sold for the recovery of the amount with interest thereon and expenses of sale, if any.

(*e*) That for the repayment of the loan with interest and cost, if any, due on the same, the immovable property specified below and the crop for raising which the loan was issued, is (in addition to other immovable property if any offered as collateral security) hypothecated as security to Government.

Registration District	Registration Sub-District	Village	No. and extent of land				
			Survey No.	Total area	Extent under coffee crop in 1917-18	Assessment	Buildings, tanks, wells, etc.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Signature of the Officer granting the loan.

I have understood and agreed to the aforesaid terms and conditions.

Signature of the borrower.

[*N. B.*—To be in triplicate, to Treasury, to Deputy Commissioner and to Party. The copies to the Treasury and to the Deputy Commissioner should be prominently marked "Duplicate" and "Triplicate" respectively.]

No. Fl. 6456-68, dated 2nd May 1918.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE INSTALMENTS IN WHICH THE LOAN AMOUNT IS TO BE PAID.

Total amount of loan....................

Serial number of instalment	Due date of payment on or after	Amount Rs.	Date of actual payment	Voucher No.	Initials of Treasury Officer	Signature of party	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Note of repayment.

Amount of principal	Amount of interest	Total	Date of repayment	Signature of Treasury Officer	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6

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D/- 22nd March 1917

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To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of letter No. 773 dated the 17th March 1917 from the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, submitting a resolution of the Chamber in regard to the recent order of the British Government prohibiting the importation of Coffee into the United Kingdom and to state that the Durbar would feel grateful if the prohibition is not made to apply to the present coffee crop as recommended by the Chamber.

2 The Coffee industry has not been in a prosperous condition for several years past and since the outbreak of war it has been seriously affected by bad seasons and other causes. Coffee planters have been raising the capital required for the up-keep of their estates even under normal conditions with considerable difficulty and the effect of the prohibition will be, as pointed out by the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, to stop all sources of supply of working capital and ~~cause the ruin of many of the estates~~ thus imperil the existence of the industry itself.

3. The Durbar understand that the growers of another important crop in the Malnad viz., Supari, are also likely to be seriously affected, as it is feared that there will be a considerable accu-

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accumulation of unsold crop in the ~~Maka~~ malnad districts owing to the shortage of waggons. ~~and~~ The natural consequences of both these causes would be to augment the hardships already felt by the people in the malnad whose economic condition is ~~alrea~~dy a source of constant anxiety ~~in the State~~.

4. In these circumstances the Durbar ~~feel compelled to~~ strongly support the recommendation of the Chamber and request that the Hon'ble the Resident may be pleased to take the necessary steps to secure the exemption ~~exempt from the prohibition order~~ of coffee shipped from India prior to the end of May 1917 from the prohibition order.

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I have etc.,

for
Secretary to Government.
Edn. And Agril.

15/3/17

~~Very urgent~~

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No. 1527.

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5-5-17

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FROM

MAJOR T. H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

SERIAL No.
FILE No.
SECTION
DIARY No.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Department of Education & Agriculture.

Dated Bangalore, the 5th May *1917.*

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.966-Pol., dated the 21st March 1917, on the subject of the importation of - - coffee into the United Kingdom, and to request that the Resident may kindly be informed of the estimated acreage and crop of plantation coffee in the Mysore State.

The information is urgently required by the Government of India and I am to ask may be furnished as early as possible.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

T. St. G. Tucker

Major,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

D. M. A.
5. 5.17.

R. O. 2.—R. P. B.—9-1916—1,000.

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Serial No. 7

Diary No. of letter replied to ________.

No. Pol. 1118

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To The F. A. Resident in Mysore
Bangalore

Date of issue 9th May 1917

Signed by P. G. D'Souza

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1527 of the 5th May 1917, I am directed to state that the total area under Coffee cultivation in the whole State for the year 1915-16 was 107555 acres, yielding 4275 tons of Coffee valued locally at ~~Rs [illegible]~~ about Rs 42 lakhs.

I have &c.

Secy to Govt.
8/5/17

over.

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SUBJECT.

Very urgent

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DIARY No. 6003

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SECTION 9 ✱ C
FILE No. 137-16
SERIAL No. 8

Telegram No. 5429-C.W., dated the 12th May 1917, from the Government of India in the Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla, to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore.

Your telegram 10th. Home Government have agreed allow import of half crop on basis of total crops 4000 tons Madras, 4220 ~~[illegible]~~ tons Coorg, and 4200 tons Mysore, half of which is 6210. From this 1100 tons shipped clan macintyre must be deducted. Your local allotment can be calculated from above and its distribution is left to you. Customs, Madras and Bombay instructed to allow out consignments certified by you. Certificates should only be issued up to limit above indicated.

... & REV. SE.
14 MAY 1917

Pol. 1891 ~~1890~~
15-5-17

No. 1652.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 14th May 1917.

Draft
~~[illegible]~~ Please put up to Dep: Commr. submit to Secy at once
P.M. 15/5.

With reference to the correspondence ending with his letter No.1118 Pol., dated the 9th May 1917, a copy of the foregoing telegram is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Dept. of Education & Agriculture, for information, and with the request that the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share may be kindly settled in conjunction with the Planters' Association and application for necessary certificate made to the Resident at as early a date as possible.

J. St. G. Tucker
Major,
First Assistant Resident.

D. M. A.
14.5.17.

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D.O. No. 81.

VERY URGENT.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 21st May 1917.
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Refer 21/5/17 D.M. 21/5

GENERAL 7 ...
FILE No. 137-16
SERIAL No. 10

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my official endorsement No. 1652, dated the 14th May 1917, regarding the export of coffee. I am desired to request that in the Commerce and Industry Department telegram forwarded therewith, 4500 tons may be kindly substituted for 4200. This correction has been necessitated by a copy of the telegram since received by post. I have sent a copy of this direct to Mr. Rose to save time.

Yrs sinly
G. St. G. [illegible]

P. G. D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture.

D. M. A.
21.5.17.

The file ~~has~~ been submitted to Darbar for information of the reference made to the [illegible] from [illegible] to the Chamber of Comm.. As directed by the Secy a wire has been sent this day asking for the return of the file. Meantime the present communication may perhaps be noted to the [illegible] Chamber for personal orders

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D.M. 21/5

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File with connected papers D.M. 21/5

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Telegram No. 5654 C.W., dated the 18th May 1917 from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla, to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore.

Secretary of State cables begins My telegram of the 30th ultimo. Coffee as freight cannot be provided concession of import licenses covering half of crops may prove ineffective. I understand that only small portions of total crops can be sold in markets other than United Kingdom and that local consumption is not considerable and that special storage measures would be necessary against deterioration during monsoon. London representatives of Industry are communicating with planters regarding possible measures such as packing in tea lead transport to dry localities and pitting. All these involve practical difficulties but Madras Government and Mysore Durbar will no doubt give all possible assistance to planters in this matter. Question of Government giving financial assistance to industry by all means of advances until crops can be realised or by your purchasing it has been raised Please consider the matter in consultation with Local Governments and Durbar and let me have your views as soon as possible ends, Government of India are not prepared in any case to go beyond system of advances on analogy of taccavi loans up to minimum requirements necessary to prevent serious detriment to the productive value of estates such assistance would be confined to meeting first wages and other current liabilities and secondly expenses of storage. Government of India would be glad also to know to what extent storage measures are possible and how far they are likely to be successful. They presume however necessary assistance will in many cases be afforded by banks or agency houses and desire to be informed

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to what extent if any these are withholding usual facilities and if so whether their reluctance can be overcome. But - - before coming to any decision they desire information as to minimum amount of assistance which will be necessary on above lines in case of planters in British territory. Please - - - suggest also within what term repayment should be made they are ~~xxxgxx~~ taking up matter separately with Mysore. Very Early reply is desirable if action is to be taken before monsoon. ~~ends~~.

Very Urgent.

Pol. 1514
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No. 1712 E.P.

19 MAY 1917

Bangalore, the 19th May 1917.

With reference to my endorsement No.1652, dated the 14th May 1917, a copy of the foregoing telegram is forwarded to -- the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Dept. of Education & Agriculture, with the request that the Resident may be kindly - favoured with the views of the Durbar on the several points - raised at a very early date.

The Resident may be further informed whether the Durbar are prepared to give similar assistance to planters in the - Mysore State.

Y. S. G. Tucker

Major,
First Assistant Resident.

D. M. A.
19.5.17.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT, TYPING Sec. 22 MAY 1917

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To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in
Mysore

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with memo No.1652 dated the 14th May 1917 regarding the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share of Coffee to be allowed to be shipped to Europe, I am directed to state that provisional licenses may be issued to the Shipping -- Agents of Mysore Coffee Planters ontheir undertaking ~~xxx~~ (i) that the Coffeee exported is Mysore Coffee, (ii) that the export is limited to 50% of the estate crop less shipment per Clan MacIntyre ~~...... mercant~~ile with a maximum of 2,150 tons, (iii) that each estate is allowed to export only their proportionate share to total export sanctioned, and (iv) that a declaration from each estate countersigned by shipping agents is sent to~~ be submitted~~ to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce within seven days from the date of export.

Memo No. 9602 Dt/ 22-5-1917

I have, etc.,

Secretary to Govt.,
Edn. and Agri.
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Copy of the above is forwarded with compliments to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce with reference to his letter No.1102 dated the 22nd May 1917.

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16th June ~~1916~~ 1917

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to copy of telegram No.5654 dated the 18th May 1917 from the Secretary to the Government of India, Departments of Commerce and Industry to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg regarding assistance to coffee planters received with your memo No. 1725 dated 15th May 1917 I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.1128 dated the 6th June 1917 from Mr.Rose, Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce on the subject which goes into the matter fully.

The Durbar are in full agreement with the views of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce that some facilities should be immediately afforded for the return of the sale proceeds of the coffee allowed to be shipped and that some declaration should be made as to the extent to which the shipping of the coming crop to the United Kingdom will be permitted. As soon as the Durbar have some information as to the intentions of the British Government in the matter, they will prepare a suitable scheme with the help of Mr. Rose who is both Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and Manager of the Bank of Mysore. The Durbar will be glad if information is also kindly furnished to them as to the steps proposed t[illegible]

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adopted by the Government [illegible] Madras and other administrations concerned with coffee planters to meet the situation to enable them to devise a suitable scheme with reference to local conditions.

I have, etc.,

Secretary to Govt.,
Edn. & Agri.

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FROM

E. H. S. James, I.A.

MAJOR ~~E. H. St. GEORGE TUCKER~~,

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Department of Education and Agriculture.

Dated Bangalore, 7 August *191*7

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 1247 Pol., dated the 16th June 1917, on the subject of assistance to coffee planters in the Mysore State, I am directed to say that the Government of India have requested His Majesty's Secretary of State for India to ask the Banks to give coffee remittances preference after articles on the main preferential list. There seems reasonable hope that this suggestion will be adopted and should this prove to be the case, the position of next year's crop as a whole should be to some extent secured.

2. At the same time, I am to say that the Government of India cannot accept the estimate of Government assistance to the extent of 30 lakhs as the least sum that will be required from Government and the Durbar to keep the Mysore planters in a solvent state, should the Home Government not allow any Indian

coffee into the United Kingdom next year. As regards the difficulty said to be experienced by planters in getting back moneys due to them in London, the Government of India suggest that a possible solution would be for them (planters) to see whether, if they bought Treasury Bills with this, the London offices of Banks would not agree that advances might be given by their Indian branches on the security of such bills. This proposal, it is understood, is at present being considered by the United Planters' Association of Southern India, and I am to suggest that the Mysore planters be invited to get into touch with that body.

Assuming that by this means the outstanding 30 lakhs are made available, the opinion of the Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce seems to be that it will be necessary for the Government of India and the Mysore Durbar to advance in equal moieties a further sum of 30 lakhs. Against this, however, ~~balance~~ should be counted as an offset the amount of the sales made in this country and such payments as planters have been able or may hereafter be able to obtain for the crop which they have sold for export elsewhere than to the United Kingdom. The estimate of the amount of the advance that may be necessary seems therefore, to the Government of India, to be susceptible of considerable reduction. They also think that the Presidency and Exchange Banks may be willing to grant advances on adequate security to help the planters to tide over next year's crop, if necessary.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major,
First Assistant Resident.

D. M. A.
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Pd. 194
25-8-17

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter No. 2641 dated 7th instant on the subject of - - assistance to coffee planters in the Mysore State and to state that the ~~welcome~~ information contained in your letter regarding the facilities likely to be afforded for the return of sale proceeds of coffee allowed to be shipped has been communicated to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce with a request to bring them to the notice of the Mysore planters. The planters who have approached the Mysore Government direct have also been informed individually.

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2. As regards the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce for guarantee and financial assistance to Banks in respect of advances against the next year's crop, that body, has~~, as suggested,~~ been requested to furnish a revised estimate in the light of the facts and suggestions offered in your letter under reply - and a further communication will be addressed, if necessary on receipt of the revised figures.

3. The Mysore Chamber of Commerce however think that no guarantee or financial assistance to Bankers in respect of coffee

advances

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advances against the next year's crop will be required, if a pronouncement can be made to the effect that a part at least of the next crop will be allowed to be shipped to the United Kingdom or that a part of the outturn will be purchased, at a guaranteed minimum price by the Military authorities or the Home Government. In this view I am ~~beg~~ to enquire whether ~~if~~ there is any likelihood of such a pronouncement being made.

4. The Durbar are of opinion that in a matter like this it is desirable that action taken by all administrations should be uniform over the whole coffee area and they accordingly do not find it possible to take any - - definite action until (as explained ~~intimated~~ in my letter of the 16th June 1917,) the measures adppted by the Government of Madras and other administrations are made known

I have, etc.,

(~~Financial~~) Secretary to Government, E.&H.
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FROM

MAJOR E. H. S. JAMES,

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Pol. 451
26-9-17

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture.

Please ... to-day

To for II

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Dated Bangalore, 25th September 1917

SIR,

I am directed to refer to paragraph 3 of your letter No. 194 Pol., dated the 25th August 1917, on the subject of - - - financial aid to coffee planters, and to say, for the information of the Durbar, that His Majesty's Secretary of State for India has informed the Government of India that, while the - - present shortage of freight continues, it is impossible for - His Majesty's Government to give Indian coffee preference ove foreign coffee, as Brazilian coffee is being carried to the - United Kingdom in Brazilian ships.

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As regards the other point raised in the paragraph cited above, I am to say that the military authorities in India already purchased all their requirements for Mesopotamia, - -- Jeddah, etc., in India and that there is no reason to think that they will do otherwise in the future. As regards purchases by the Home Government, the facts stated above show tha

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there is very little likelihood of Indian Coffee being taken, unless the freight position materially improves.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major,
First Assistant Resident.

D. M. A.
24.9.17.

Telegram.

From - His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To - His Excellency the Viceroy (C & I Department).

Dated London, the 4th September (recd: the 5th) 1917.

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My telegram dated 3rd August. Coffee. Board of Trade now ask that you will continue to license exportation of - - coffee as heretofore. Board of Trade will license all coffee exported under Indian License up to maximum of 6260 tons. This amounts to unconditional acceptance of proposal made in your - telegram dated 16th May 5564. Please issue necessary - - - instructions to Customs.

Telegram no.5430-C.W., dated 12th May 1917, from the - -- Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla, to the Collectors of Customs, - - - Bombay and Madras.

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Home Government have agreed to allow import into United Kingdom of certain quantity coffee. You should allow out consignments certified by Madras Government or Resident in Mysore or Chief Commissioner in Coorg. Actual shipments should be reported to this Department immediately on sailing of ship.

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For Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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No. 10735.
Government of India.
Department of Commerce & Industry.
Simla, the 8th September 1917.
Telegram.

From the Secretary to the Government of India 19-19
in the Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla,

No. 137-16
No. 34

To the Collector of Customs, ~~Bombay~~.
Madras..

Coffee. My telegram 9423, 11th August, should be considered cancelled and procedure prescribed my telegram 12th May, 5430, reverted to.

No. 10736.

A copy, together with a copy of a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India dated the 4th September 1917, and of this Department's telegram No.5430 dated the 12th May, is forwarded, in continuation of this Department endorsement No. 9424, dated the 11th August 1917, to

The Government of Madras, Revenue Department.
The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and
Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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The portion below this not to be typed

By order, etc.,
Sd/- E. P. Jones,
For Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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26 SEP 1917

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No. 3129. Encl 1.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 25th September 1917.

A copy of the foregoing communication, with enclosures, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for information.

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Major,
First Assistant Resident.

Copy of letter from P. Eccles, Esq., B.A., I.C.S., Offg: Collector of Customs, Madras, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, R.O.C.No.4476/16, dated 7th September 1917:-

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I have the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with my letter R.O.C.No.4476/16, dated the 12th June last, regarding the allotment of coffee which may be shipped to the United Kingdom. The original quantity allowed was 6260 tons which was to be divided up as follows:-

2,000 tons Madras, 2110 tons Coorg and 2150 tons Mysore. The quantity already shipped amounts to 3,289 tons made up as follows:-

1336 tons Mysore, 959 tons Coorg and 994 tons Madras.

This takes into account all coffee shipped from this Presidency since the date on which the import of coffee was prohibited into the United Kingdom. The total balance therefore which may be shipped from Southern India amounts to 2971 tons made up according to the original distribution into 814 tons Mysore X 1151 tons Coorg and 1006 tons Madras. I originally proposed, and the proposal was sanctioned by you, that 2/3 of the available balance up to the time of prohibition should be distributed to shippers in accordance with the amounts they shipped in the previous year and there still remains 1/3 to be allotted. I have made as full an enquiry as possible from shippers who have been asked to state the amount of last season's crop which they have still to ship either on behalf of themselves or on behalf of their constituents. From the replies received the total amount of coffee suitable to the United Kingdom market which it is wished to export amounts to 2022 tons. It will thus be seen that the quantity which it is desired to export to the United Kingdom is less than the amount which may be permitted by 950 tons. From personal enquiries made I think ~~xx~~ this is correct, as ~~shippe~~ all persons whom I have consulted inform me that the balance which remains to be shipped is only about 2000 tons. I therefore propose that the allotment of 2/3 should be cancelled and that shippers should be allowed to export the quantity which they state they have for shipment, irrespective of whether the coffee originates from Madras, Coorg or Mysore. In this way since the total to ~~xx~~ be exported is less than the quantity for which the Government of India have given sanction, there will be no cause for complaint and there will yet remain 950 tons which may be allotted should there be any coffee of which I have received no information.

2. If this is approved, I will inform shippers accordingly. There does not seem at present to be any prospect of ~~fxxx~~ freight being provided for coffee but it is desirable that arrangements for allotments be made in case an opportunity occurs for export.

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K. Menon

Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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Letter No. 2001-C/17-I., dated the 17th September 1917, from D. N. Strathie, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, - - - - Ootacamund, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and -- Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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I am directed to forward copy of a letter received from the Collector of Customs, Madras, R.O.C.No.4476/16, dated 7th September 1917, regarding the allotment of - - coffee which may be shipped to the United Kingdom and to enquire whether the planters in Mysore and Coorg have -- any objection to the proposal of the Collector that - "Shippers should be allowed to export the quantity which "they state they have for shipment irrespective of - -- "whether the coffee originates from Madras, Coorg or - - "Mysore".

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No. 3163. Enclo. 1.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 3rd October 1917.

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A copy of the foregoing letter, with its enclosure, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, with the request that the Resident may kindly be informed whether the planters in Mysore have any objection to - to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras.

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It is understood that no shipments of Madras, Mysore ~~only~~

Coorg

Ask (1) Chamber of Commerce [illegible] (2) [illegible] Coffee [illegible] planters [illegible]

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Coorg coffee have been made from the port of Bombay since May 1917.

Major,

First Assistant Resident.

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Diary No. of letter replied to

No. Camp no 6

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 6/11/17

Signed by W. P. J. D'Souza

To

The First Assistant
to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore

Sir,

I am directed to invite ~~kind~~ reference to para 2 of my letter No: Pol 194 dated 25th August 1917 ~~(addressed to you)~~ on the subject of assistance to Coffee planters in the Mysore State and to forward herewith a copy of letter no: 1629 dated 25th September 1917 from the

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SUBJECT.

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce furnishing a revised estimate of the extent of help required for the Coffee industry by the Mysore planters.

2 After obtaining the opinions of the several Mysore Planters' Associations as also the formal views of the representatives of the Mysore Coffee planters present at the recent annual Conference of the United Planters' Association of Southern India and with the approval of Mysore planting associations, the Mysore Chamber of Commerce has subd. ~~submits~~ for consideration the following recommendations:-

The Govt. of India may be kindly moved to agree to, and negotiate through the Secretary of State for India

(1) To obtain sanction for the export of the 1917-18 Coffee crop to the United Kingdom

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(2) To arrange for the total prohibition of other than British grown Coffee into India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, East Africa, Aden and Mesopotamia.

(3) To prohibit the export except under special license of all Coffee from the United Kingdom to countries east of Port-Said

(4) ~~Tho~~ To provide for the preferential import of British grown Coffee into Australia and South Africa, and

(5) To request the ~~Comptroller~~ Controller of Shipping to reserve on due notice, a proportion of tonnage in vessels sailing to ports of the ~~above~~ countries referred to in (1) to (4) above, and especially to afford all possible shipping facilities for the shipments of Coffee to ports on the Persian Gulf as it is in every way important that the growing trade between India and the hinterland of Arabia and Persia should be fostered.

3 The Durbar request that, if there be no objection, the Govt. of India may be moved kindly to take action on the lines recommended

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by the Chamber of Commerce ~~as above~~.

4 As regards direct financial help to planters the Chamber of Commerce has in the light of the facts and suggestions ~~offered~~ contained in your letter No: 2641 dated 7th August 1917 considerably reduced their estimate of the amount of help required to ~~tide~~ finance the ~~over~~ next ~~years~~ crop and suggest that 50% of the value of estimated outturn or about 10 lakhs of Rs would be sufficient and that it may be ~~safely~~ guaranteed or advanced by Govt. ~~[illegible]~~ ¶ This estimate is however susceptible of a further reduction by 33% in the event of the Exchange banks [illegible] giving an assurance of their willingness to regularly negotiate estate bills under credits issued from London on behalf of their usual constituents.

5 The Durbar ~~beg~~ have the honour to enquire whether the Govt. of India contemplate taking any action in the matter of rendering financial assistance as ~~suggested~~ now requested by the Chamber of Commerce.

6. It is understood that the ~~The~~ question of financial assistance to ~~coffee~~ planters ~~is understood to have been~~ was discussed at a Conference held at ~~Ooty~~ Ootacamund on the 6th instant ~~held by~~ by the Govt. of Madras but the conclusions arrived at ~~are~~ have not yet been published as far as the Durbar are aware.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

7 Even if financial help is decided on the Durbar ~~do not~~ think that an advance of ~~more than~~ about 25% of the estimated value of the crop or about 5 lakhs ~~of rupees is necessary~~ should suffice to ~~tide over without difficulty~~ mitigate to a great extent cases of real hardship ~~[illegible]~~ in respect of the next year's crop.

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SUBJECT..

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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No. Pol. 460

Date of issue 17th Nov 1917

Signed by P. G. D'Souza

To
The F. A. Resident in Mysore

Sir,

With reference to your ~~letter~~ memo No. 3163 d/ 3-10-17 enquiring whether the planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal of the collector of customs, Madras that shippers should be allowed to export the quantity of coffee which they have for shipment — irrespective of whether the coffee originates from Mad

over.

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Coorg, or Mysore, I am directed to state that the ~~Mysore~~ ~~planters~~ Several planting associations in the State who were consulted through the Mysore Chamber of Commerce have expressed their approval of the proposal in question.

I have etc.,

Financial Secretary.

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VERY URGENT.

No. 3700.

DIARY No. 2776

FROM

Major E. H. S. James, ~~I.A.~~,
[illegible]
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

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TO

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture.

Dated Bangalore, the 21st November 1917.

SIR,

I am directed to request that the Resident may kindly be informed, as early as possible, the amount of estimated crop of coffee in the Mysore State ~~during~~ for the ~~year~~ Season of 1917.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E H S James
Major,
First Assistant Resident.

R. O. 2.—R. P. B.—9-1916—1,000.

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DIARY No. 2863.

URGENT.

Pol. 776
29-11-17

FROM

E. H. S. James, I.A.
MAJOR ~~GEORGE TUCKER~~,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture.
Bangalore

Dated Bangalore, 29th November 1917.

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SIR,

I am directed to invite a reference to my letter No. 3700, dated the 21st November 1917, regarding coffee, and to enquire when a reply may be expected.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E H S James
Major,
First Assistant Resident.

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to you with my letter no 6.(Camp) dated the 6th November 1917, in which ~~the~~ estimate crop was given ~~estimated~~ as not likely to exceed 3500 tons and to state also that it is ascertained from [illegible] that body that no further information has been received justifying a revision of that estimate.

I have etc.

for
Secretary to Govt.
E.A. & Ag. Deptt.

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Fair draft.

Furnishes the information called for by the Residency as to the estimated crop of coffee for the season 1917.

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General and Revenue Secretariat
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To

F. A. Resident

Date of issue 29. 11. 17

Signed by P. U. D.

Sir,

In reply to your letter no 3700 dated the 21st November 1917 enquiring what ~~[illegible]~~ the amount of the estimated crops of coffee in the Mysore State for the season 1917 is I am directed to invite kind reference to para 2 of letter no 1629 dated the 25th September 1917 from the Mysore Chamber of Commerce copy of which was forwarded

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SUBJECT.

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DIARY No. 3865 21

Letter No. 127 G/17., dated the 26th November 1917, from the Hon'ble Mr. A. R. Knapp, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State has intimated to this Government that the Shipping Controller is unable to give even secondary preference to coffee after the claims of priority cargo have been satisfied. The Shipping Controller states that priority cargo is so heavily in arrears and the demands of Government Departments are so urgent that the grant of secondary preference to coffee would, in no way, further its import into the United Kingdom.

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No. 3838

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 5th December 1917.

Pd. 818
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A copy of the foregoing letter is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, for the information of the Durbar.

Major,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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SECTION

Letter No. 1369-D., dated the 8th December 1917, from G. S. Hardy, Esquire, I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Delhi, - to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 3507, dated the 3rd November 1917, and in response to the request made in paragraph 3 thereof to forward a copy of a letter dated the 12th October from the Revenue Secretary to the Government of Madras and of the Government of India's reply to - it. I am to add that the other matters contained in your letter under reply are receiving the careful consideration of the Government of India

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Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 18th December 1917.

A copy of the foregoing letter, with enclosures, is - - forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, for information, with reference to his letter Camp No. b, dated the 6th November 1917, and with the request that the information desired in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Commerce and Industry Department letter No.1369-D., dated the 8th December 1917, to the address of the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, may kindly be furnished to this office at an early date.

Major,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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Copy of a letter from the Hon'ble Mr. A. R. Knapp, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, dated the 12th October 1917, No. 7 G/17-13.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with my telegram No. 224, dated 13th July 1917 on the subject of the assistance required by planters to enable them to meet the financial difficulties arising from the war and to keep their estates under cultivation.

2. As stated in my telegram quoted above, a detailed enquiry has been made through the agency of the United Planters Association of South India as to the sums which are required to keep plantations going. On receipt of the figures collected by the Association, a conference was called by His Excellency the Governor which was attended by representatives of the planters, by the Managers of the three Exchange Banks in Madras and by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Bank of Madras.

3. The financial position and prospects of the planting industry were fully discussed at the conference. The result of the discussion was to show

(1) that the Exchange Banks in Madras, owing mainly to the strain put upon them in financing the export of hides for the War Office, have practically reached the limit of their powers in the matter of negotiating sterling bills and that the planters are therefore unable to obtain money in India in payment for the produce exported and

(2) that a sum of over Rs.3 lakhs per week is required

for the bare maintenance of the tea, coffee and rubber estates in Southern India, after excluding all expenditure on development and cutting expenses down to the lowest possible limit. Of this figure about one half represents the requirements of the estates in the Madras Presidency, the balance being made up thus :-

Mysore	Rs.15,365/-
Travancore and Cochin	" 164,796/-
Coorg	" 6,048/-

Having regard to the statement in your telegram No. 5654 C.W., dated 18th May that the Government of India were not prepared to go beyond a system of advances on the analogy of takkavi loans, the question how far such assistance would meet the case was discussed. But it was put forward as the unanimous opinion of the banking representatives present that, if money were available for distribution in the shape of loans, the needs of the planters would be more simply and more suitably met, if the money so available were utilised instead ~~of~~ to assist the exchange banks in meeting the planters' requirements in the usual methods of finance. Such an arrangement, it was urged, would work automatically: it would obviate the necessity for an elaborate machinery to enquire into the titles to and value of property, such as would be needed under a system of loans; it would adjust itself better to future changes in the conditions of exchange; and lastly, the assistance thus given would be of a more temporary nature than any scheme of state loans with re-payments by instalments.

5. As the result of the Conference, His Excellency the Governor in Council was impressed with the critical position in which the planting industry in Southern India is placed. While the restrictions on the export of plantation

products, which have resulted in allowing the tea planters of Southern India to export to the United Kingdom no more than 30% of their crop, necessarily affect the prosperity of the industry, the impossibility of obtaining payment even for the small proportion of the crop exported threatens to have far more serious consequences. The exchange Banks have given warning that they no longer expect to be able to negotiate planters' bills, and the result of this stoppage can only mean the wholesale closing down of plantations and the ruin of a large and very important industry. His Excellency the Governor in Council therefore considers it his duty to urge upon the Government of India the gravity of the situation, and strongly to recommend that ateps be taken to alleviate it by placing at the disposal of the Exchange Banks in Madras funds at the rate of Rs.3 lakhs per week to be set off against counter payments in London, the money thus made available being used for financing planting products.

6. The Governor in Council believes that a special allotment of this kind to meet a particular purpose is not without precedent. If, as he is informed, the enormously increased export of hides from this Presidency for military purposes is to a great extent responsible for the shortness of local exchange facilities, ~~of local exchange~~ this fact would in itself appear to afford justification for such a special concession in favour of another South Indian Industry as is now recommended.

7. I am to add that the scheme for the state purpose of tea which has been recently formulated, while it will tend to equalise the opportunities of planters in all parts of India in the matter of disposing of their produce will not, the Governor in Council fears, in any way relieve

the financial difficulty. If the purchase of tea, like the purchase of hides and other articles for the War Office, has to be financed by the Banks without any additional Exchange facilities it will apparently mean that the exporters of tea who now find themselves unable to obtain payment in India -- for the produce sold in London will under the new scheme be in no better case.

As the amount of tea exported under the state purchase scheme is unlikely to be less and will probably be greater than that exported in the past few months the special allotment recommended in this letter will be more than ever necessary.

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Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

No. 1368-D.

Government of India.

Department of Commerce & Industry.

Delhi, the 8th December 1917.

From

A. H. Ley, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 70/17-13., dated the 12th October 1917, on the subject of the financial difficulties with which planters in the South of India are confronted.

2. I am to say that since the receipt of your letter a scheme has been initiated for the purchase by Government of the United Kingdom's requirements of tea, and this scheme should assist in the solution of the difficulties with which the tea industry is faced.

3. In regard to rubber, I am to observe that exports are already above the normal, and show a decided tendency to increase, that freight for the carriage of rubber to the United Kingdom is already provided in sufficient quantity, and that for all rubber for which freight is provided, Banks have been instructed to give preference in finance. The Government of India therefore do not consider that any further assistance is necessary so far as rubber plantations are concerned.

4. There remains the question of coffee estates which have not the advantage of provided freight or of anything but secondary preference in the matter of finance. Before coming to a decision as to the desirability of direct

financial assistance being rendered by Government to the coffee industry, I am to say that the Government of India desire more definite information on the following points:-

(a) whether the case to be considered is limited to the fact that difficulties have been experienced in obtaining from the Banks the necessary finance of exports, or,

(b) whether the planters require funds for the maintenance of their estates in addition to finance for their -- exports, and, if so,

(c) whether any, and, if so, what proportion of the estates are in a position to make re-payment to the Banks in London, if such additional funds are supplied to them by - Banks in India. It has been suggested that such secondary preference as has already been given to the finance of exports of coffee should also be extended to finance bills drawn otherwise than against exports by Estates owning funds in London; but before putting this suggestion to His - - Majesty's Secretary of State for India the Government of -- India would be glad to have information showing how far it would be of actual assistance.

5. I am to observe that the figures of exports of - - coffee from India do not altogether bear out the gloomy - view of the immediate situation which has apparently been taken by the planters themselves. The total exports for the seven months ending 31st October this year have amounted to 139,781 cwts as against 89,430 cwts during the same period in 1916 and 110,093 in 1915. A good deal of this - improvement is apparently due to the development of non-European markets, particularly in the regions surrounding the Persian Gulf, and there is good reason to believe that these markets are susceptible of still greater development, to an extent which may render the industry, as time goes on, less dependent on European markets than hitherto. The Government of India are not aware how far these exports - -

have actually been financed, and they would welcome information on this point. They understand however that the financial position has recently been eased, and they believe that the Banks should now be in a better position to provide facilities than was possibly the case a few months ago. I am to enquire therefore whether it is still the case as was indicated in your letter under reply that the Exchange Banks in Madras have no available resources for financing coffee.

6. I am to add that various suggestions for the amelioration of the position other than those connected with financial assistance have been made to the Government of India, and are separately receiving their careful consideration.

I have, etc.,
Sd/- A. H. Ley,
Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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J. K. Menon
Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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Notification by the Government of India in the Department of Commerce and Industry, No.1292-D., dated Delhi, the 8th December 1917.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Import and Export of Goods Act, 1916 (XI of 1916), the ~~Government~~ Governor General in Council is pleased to prohibit the importation of coffee into British India from all destinations:

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Provided that nothing in this Notification shall be deemed to prohibit:-

(i) the import of any goods by, or for the use of the Crown;
(ii) the import of any goods shipped from any Indian port;
(iii) the import of any goods from any Native State in India;
(iv) the import ~~xxx~~ of any goods imported under a license granted by the Chief Customs Officer at the place of import.

No.1341 - D.

A copy, together with a copy of telegram No.1293 D, dated the 7th December 1917, to ~~all~~ Collectors of Customs, is forwarded to all Local Governments and Administrations, for information and with the request that (with the permission of
His Excellency the Governor in Council the notification
His Honour the Lieut: Governor (in Council) the contents of
may be re-published in the local Gazette for general information
the notification may be brought to the notice of the mercantile
community (through Chamber(s) of Commerce.

A copy is also forwarded to the Commissioner in Sind, to the Political Resident at Aden, to the Army and the Foreign and Political Departments, to the Indian Munitions Board, to the Director General of Commercial Intelligence, to all Collectors of Customs and to the Director of ~~XX~~ Statistics for information.

By order, etc.,
Sd/- A. K. Sarkar,
For Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Copy of a telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, to ~~all~~ Collectors of Customs, No.1293-D., dated Delhi, the 7th December 1917.

Notification issuing Saturday prohibiting import coffee from all destinations except for consignments shipped on or before Saturday no import licenses should be granted without reference to Government.

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No. 4061 Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 24 December 1917.

A copy of the foregoing communication is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Department of Education and Agriculture, for information.

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Major,
Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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DIARY No. 3870

No. 1808-D.

Government of India.

Department of Commerce and Industry.

Delhi, the 21st December 1917.

TELEGRAM.

From - His Excellency the Viceroy, Delhi.

To - His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, London.

Your telegram 6th November. Coffee. Crop of 1917 is estimated at 8300 tons. We urge strongly that Board of Trade -- should be asked to admit half this quantity plus unshipped -- balance of 6260 tons of 1916 crop. While agreeing that Coffee cannot be treated as Priority cargo or given secondary preference, we think that Shipping Controller should be pressed to remove embargo on Coffee shipments. We understand present instructions preclude liners taking Coffee even if claims priority cargo satisfied and space available.

No. 1831-D.

A copy is forwarded to the ~~Government of Madras, Revenue Department, with reference to their telegram No. 715-G., dated 18th December 1917.~~ Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore, with reference to his telegram No. 302, dated the 30th November 1917.

By order, etc.,

Sd. G. Hardy,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,

No. 113-C Mercara, the 31st December 1917.

A copy of the foregoing telegram is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education ~~af~~ and Agriculture for the information of the Darbar.

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Major,

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT Furnishes certain information called for by the Govt. of India in the matter of financial accommodation to planters.

Diary No. of letter replied to 145 D.

Section. I & C.
File No. 137-16.
Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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No. Pol-72/

Date of issue 6-2-1918

Signed by

To
The F. A. Resident.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 3979 d 18/12/17 calling for certain additional information wanted by the Govt. of India, Industry and Commerce Dept. in their letter No. 1368-D d 8/12/17 in the matter of the representation of ~~the~~ coffee planters for financial accommodation, I am directed

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over.

State that the Mysore Chamber of Commerce ~~are~~ is of opinion that, in the absence of shipping facilities, the question of finance of exports is not very material, and that unless planters are successful in disposing of their crops locally, they will require funds for maintenance of their estates until the return of normal conditions.

As regards the enquiry as to what proportion of the estates are in a position to make repayments to the Banks in London, if such additional funds are supplied to them in India, ~~that Committee~~ the Chamber states that as no shipments are possible, the planters of only such estates ~~alone~~ ~~that~~ as have funds in London and succeed in disposing of their crop locally

List of enclosures.

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will be able to arrange repayment through their London bankers or agents. It is reported that ~~That body~~ has no definite information can be furnished as to the proportion of such estates that ~~are~~ owning funds in London.

The concession of extending to finance bills drawn by estates owning funds in London a secondary preference similar to that already sanctioned for the export of coffee would, it is said, be of some assistance if the preference includes also bills drawn on approved London agents of estates, and not restricted only to estates owning funds in London, and, such bills are ~~to be~~ restricted to 50 % ~~per~~ of the estimated value of the year's

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The chambers of commerce ~~respectfully~~ urge again the necessity for an early decision in the matter of their representations as communicated in the Durbar's letter No camp li d 6-11-17, as before long the present labor forces on the coffee estates have to be paid off and reengaged if a financial facilities are forthcoming for 1918-19.

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Secretary E. & A.

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No.1230-D.
Government of India.
Department of Commerce & Industry.
Delhi, the 1st February 1918.

From
C. S. Hardy, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To
The Secretary, Calcutta Liners Conference, Calcutta.

Sir,

I am directed to state (forward, for information, a copy of the papers noted on the margin, regarding the provision of freight space for shipments of coffee and to say) that the Government of India (hope that, in view of ~~the terms of~~ the Secretary of State's ~~telegram of the 11th January 1918~~, the Liners Conference ~~will~~ see their way to amend their instructions to the Madras Homeward Freight Conference so as to permit the inclusion of coffee in the non-priority cargo that can be shipped when space is available.

1. Extract from telegram P, dated the 11th January 1918, from the Secretary of State.
2. Letter No.637-D, dated the 16th January 1918, to the Secretary, Liners Conference, Madras.
3. Letter dated the 23rd January 1918, from the Secretary, Liners Conference, Madras.

I have etc.,
Sd/- C. S. Hardy,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No.1231-D.

A copy of the correspondence is forwarded, for information, to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department and to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg, in continuation of this Department endorsement No. 636-D., dated the 16th January 1918.

A copy is also forwarded to the Secretary, Madras Homeward Freight Conference, Madras, for information.

By order, etc.,
Sd/- A. K. Sarkar,
For Under Secy. to the Government of India.

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No. 537. Ln. 1.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 8th February 1918.

A copy of the foregoing communication, with enclosure, with a copy of endorsement No. 636-D., dated the 16th January 1918, referred to therein, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, for the information of the Durbar.

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Secretary to the Chief Commissioner.

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No. [illegible]-D.
Government of India.
Department of Commerce and Industry.
Delhi, the 16th January 1918.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department.
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and Chief Commissioner of Coorg
for information and necessary action, with reference to the correspondence ending with the endorsement from this Department No. 1831-D., dated the 21st December 1917.

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By order, etc.,
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For Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

LIST OF PAPERS FORWARDED.

Telegram P, dated the 11th January 1918, from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Copy of a telegram P. from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Viceroy (C. & I. Department), dated London, the 11th January 1918.

"It is stated by Shipping Controller that no instructions have issued precluding liners taking coffee and that policy regarding use of free space remains unchanged, all non-priority commodities being treated alike. As however instructions for shipment of arrears (of) priority cargo and excess of priority cargo when space permitted were issued, position may have been misunderstood by liner agents. Although prospect of shipment of non-priority cargo extremely poor shippers may be informed accordingly."

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The above has reference to your telegram of the 21st ultimo regarding coffee.

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V. K. Menon
Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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Copy of a letter No. 637-D., dated Delhi, the 16th January 1918, from G. S. Hardy, Esquire, I.C.S., Under Secretary to -- the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, to the Secretary, Liners' Conference, Madras.

With reference to the correspondence resting with your -- telegram dated the 21st September 1917, I am directed to forward, for information, the accompanying extract from a telegram received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India from which it appears that no instructions have been issued by the Shipping Controller precluding liners from taking coffee and that the policy regarding use of free space is unchanged, all non-priority cargo being treated alike.

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Copy of a letter dated Madras, the 23rd January 1918, - - from the Secretary, Madras Homeward Freight Conference, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of - -- Commerce and Industry, Delhi.

With reference to your No. 637-D., dated the 16th instant, I am directed to inform you that the Madras Homeward Freight - Conference were instructed by the Calcutta Liners Conference that no space was to be allotted to coffee though other non-priority cargo might be taken when space is available. It -- was understood that the Calcutta Liners Conference received -- these orders from the Indian General Conference in London - --

representing the Ministry of Shipping. As all the Ministry of Shippings instructions are cabled to the Calcutta Liners Conference and passed on by the latter to the various Liner Conferences concerned a reference on the subject should be - made by the Government of India to the Calcutta Conference. Meantime I am instructed to state that pending amended - --- instructions from the latter, this Conference is unable to include coffee in the non-priority cargo that can be shipped when space is available.

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V. K. Menon

Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

Letter No. 2484-D., dated the 26th February 1918, from G. S Hardy, Esq., I.C.S., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Delhi, to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with -- your letter No. 538, dated the 8th February 1918, and to say --- that the Government of India have given the question of assistance to the coffee industry their careful attention and have also (1) considered the representations made by a deputation from the - - United Planters' Association of Southern India which interviewed the Hon'ble Sir George Barnes on the 21st instant. I am to say that the proposals referred to in your letter No. 368 of the - - 28th of January to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, as the "Tellicherry Scheme" do not commend themselves to the Government of India as practicable. These proposals appear to have - been based on the supposition that if Government purchased the - unsold balance of the coffee crop, they would be in a better - - position to dispose of it than the planters themselves. This - is not a view which the Government of India can accept. They - have neither the organization nor the practical experience - - - necessary for successful disposal of the crop; nor would they - be in a position to provide any more freight for its carriage than is at present the case. The freight difficulty which the industry has experienced is due to the fact that every available ton of freight is required to carry exports of national importan and the fact that Government themselves were the owners of a - - large stock of coffee would not enable them to overlook the - -- claims to priority of articles of national importance. It appears to the Government of India that such assistance as is - -- essential to the preservation of the industry can best be given (2) in the form of taccavi loans, and I am to ask that you will consider the matter from this point of view and render such assistance to the industry as may appear to be necessary in individual cases. The Government of India will be prepared, if necessary, to supplement the allotments for taccavi loans at the disposal of the Madras and Coorg Governments, to the extent of not more than 10 lakhs of rupees for the two provinces together. The representatives of the Association -- who interviewed Sir George Barnes were anxious that, if - -- assistance took the form of taccavi loans, such loans should be advanced on the security of crops already harvested and - still to be harvested, rather than on the security of land. This is a matter which you will no doubt consider, and, while the Government of India have no ~~doubt~~ recommendation to make on the point, they will raise no objection to the acceptance by you of any form of security which you may consider - - -- adequate.

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No. 823.

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 7th March 1918.

With reference to paragraph 4 of his letter Camp No. b, - dated the 6th November 1917, a copy of the foregoing letter, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness -- the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education and Agriculture, with the request that, if there be no objection, the - -- Resident may kindly be informed what action, if any, the Durbar decide to take in regard to the grant of similar financial help to Coffee Planters in Mysore.

First Assistant Resident.

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No. 898.

FROM

MAJOR E. H. S. JAMES,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education & Agriculture.

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Dated Bangalore, 15th March 1918.

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Seen by the Dewan. Further corresp^ce has been going on this subject. 23/3

SIR,

In continuation of my endorsement No. 823, dated the 7th March 1918, regarding the question of financial help to coffee planters in British India in which it was requested that the Resident may be informed of the action, if any, which the Durbar decide to take in regard to the grant of similar assistance to coffee planters in Mysore, I am directed to request, at the instance of the Government of India, that His Highness's Government may kindly be moved to consider the propriety of giving the necessary assistance on similar lines to those indicated in the enclosure to my endorsement quoted above to the Planters within Mysore State Territory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. H. S. James

First Assistant Resident.

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My dear Mr. Cobb,

With reference to Major James' official endorsement No.823 dated the 7th March 1918 forwarding copy of a letter dated 26th February 1918 from the Government of India regarding assistance to coffee planters, I enclose herewith copy of an order which the Government of His Highness the Maharaja propose to issue in the matter. It is considered desirable that the method and scale of assistance should be uniform over the entire coffee areas in Madras, Coorg and Mysore, as far as possible.

His Highness' Government would be obliged if you would very kindly let ~~me~~ them know how the Coorg and Madras Governments propose to deal with the question.

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Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. H.V.Cobb,C.S.I
C.I.E
British Resident in Mys
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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

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19th March 1918

My dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Kindly refer to your Demi-Official letter No.5561 dated the 15th inst regarding assistance to Coffee Planters.

You advocate in it the desirability of arranging that the method and scale of assistance should as far as possible be uniform throughout Southern India. The Madras Government has written to me in similar terms, and I agree emphatically.

To promote this object I have had today an informal discussion of the questions involved with Mr Fletcher Norton and Mr Hamilton at which the Hon'ble Mr Couchman I.C.S., with the consent of the Madras Government, has been unofficially present.

Mr Norton tells me that he is to have an interview with you this afternoon on the same subject and I am writing to enquire whether you would have any objection to receiving Mr. Couchman at the same time. The principal question to be decided is as to whether advances should be made on the basis of acreage or crop.

All the Planters I have seen favour the latter and as I think it will prove more expeditious, more fair, and safer in the interests of Government, I am inclined to accept it for Coorg.

Mr Couchman leaves tonight for Madras and will be able to place your views and mine unofficially before the Madras Government on arrival, so that a very speedy decision might be reached in this matter.

For this reason I hope that you will kindly agree to see Mr Couchman this afternoon when you are interviewing Mr Norton.

Yours sincerely
H. V. Cobb

To Sir M. Visvesvaraya K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

A.R.

Bangalore,
19th March 1918.

My dear Mr. Cobb,

I have just this moment received your D.O. letter of date regarding my interview with Mr. Fletcher Norton and other gentlemen this afternoon.

I should be delighted to meet Mr. Couchman also at the hour appointed, namely, 3.30 this p.m., in the office.

I have requested the Members of Council also to be present.

Should any difficult or delicate questions arise - after the interview, I will duly communicate with you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd). M. Visvesvaraya.

5572 35 Bangalore 19.3.18.

My dear Mr.Cobb,

I write in continuation of my letter to you of this date. At the interview this afternoon, Mr.Couchman very ~~kindly~~ lucidly explained the position, ~~He~~ and said he would consult you and the Madras Govt. regarding the method ~~of~~ and scale of assistance ~~and write to you~~ to be given to the Planters. He gave me to understand that I might expect to hear from you in the course of three or four days.

The planters seemed to be ~~very keen~~ anxious to have an early decision, but they were very hazy as regards their exact requirements. We are prepared to act the moment Madras and Coorg ~~arrive~~ decide ~~on the main question they propose to~~ ~~at a solution of the question.~~ ~~follow~~ what they propose to do.

Yours sincerely,

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Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 20th March 1918

My dear Sir,

Mr. Cobb has asked me to acknowledge with his thanks the receipt of your two demi-official letters of yesterday's date concerning the question of taccavi loans to Coffee Planters.

I am to add that he is today addressing the Madras Government officially on the various questions involved and - in order to try and secure uniformity of procedure as desired by the Mysore Government is suggesting the holding of a Conference at the Residency some time early next month, at which representatives of the Madras and Coorg Governments as well as of the United Planters' Association of Southern India would be invited to be present.

Should this proposal commend itself to the

Madras Government I am to enquire whether you or any of your officers would like to take -- part. The suggestion seems to Mr. Cobb to - give the best promise of a satisfactory and - expeditious settlement of this urgent and - - important case.

Yours sincerely,

H S James

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

D. O. No. 5582

Bangalore
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My dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your D.O. letter of the 20th instant regarding the question of taccavi loans to coffee - planters. His Highness's Government will be glad to send one or more representatives to the Conference which it is proposed to hold at the Residency at the beginning of next month.

~~If~~ On hearing the date ~~of~~ fixed for the Conference ~~is kindly intimated to me~~, I shall be able to state whether I can take part in it. In case I am unable to attend, ~~I shall let you know~~ the names of the ~~representatives~~ Officers who will be deputed to represent His Highness's Government will be duly intimated.

Yours sincerely,

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Major E.H.S.James

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Issued

D. O. No. 5620

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Bangalore
6th Ap '18

My dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter No.5582 dated 23rd March 1918, May I ~~I write~~ to enquire whether any decision has been arrived at regarding the date for the conference proposed to be held at the Residency to settle the question of taccavi loans to coffee planters.

As the Secretary of the United Planters' Association has been pressing for a speedy settlement of the question, I shall be obliged by an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

6.4.18

Dewan.

S/M

Major E.H.S. James,
First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident.

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Fin. Secretary
6.4.18

Coorg Chief Commissioner's Office,
Bangalore, the 6th April 1918.

My dear sir,

In reply to your demi-official letter No. 5620 of to-day's date on the subject of taccavi loans to Coffee Planters, I am desired to say - that His Excellency the Governor of Madras has invited Mr. Cobb to go down to Madras for a - - couple of says to discuss the general questions there with his Government, and the Resident is leaving -- this evening for the purpose.

How far this discussion will affect the -- subsequent arrangement, as proposed by Mr. Cobb, for a Conference at the Residency between the - three Administrations concerned, he cannot at - the moment say, but I will communicate with you on the subject as soon as anything is decided. In the meanwhile I am to convey to you Mr. - - Cobb's regrets that he cannot send you a more definite reply to your enquiries just at -- - present.

Yours sincerely,

Sir M. Visvesvarayya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Bangalore
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My dear Sir,

May I enquire whether, as a result of the conference between the Hon'ble the Resident and the Government of Madras you have any further information to ~~give~~ communicate the Durbar about the question of taccavi loans to Coffee Planters?

Yours sincerely,

Dewan.

Major E. H. S. James,
F. A. Resident.

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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

D. O.

April 13th 1918

15.4.18

My dear Sir,

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Please refer to your D.O. letter No 5643 of today's date about the question of taccavi loans to Coffee Planters.

Mr Cobb is waiting to receive officially the instructions which the Madras Government are issuing to their officers on the subject, as the result of the conference which was held when he was in Madras. He hopes, however, to hear from the Madras Government in the course of the next few days and as soon as he does so, he will send you a further communication in the matter.

Yours Sincly
E H S James

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

E.H.S.J.

Madras Mail dated 13th April 1918.

A Press Communique issued to-day says:-

The following information is issued for the guidance of owners of coffee estates desiring to apply for loans - from Government under the Agriculturists Loans Act :- No loan will be granted except on the production of clear evidence that the applicant cannot otherwise maintain his estate without serious deterioration in its condition, and the amount of any loan will be limited to such a sum as is essential to enable the applicant, after taking account of all other resources, to maintain his estate without serious deterioration. The security for the loan will be the crop or the lands or both. Loans will ordinarily be disbursed in instalment, and will be repayable in such manner and ~~aft~~ after such period as may be fixed with reference to the - - circumstances of each case. Applications for these loans should be made to the Collector of the district, who will, if required, furnish the necessary form of application.

" Copy"

K. K. Menon

Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

D. O. No. 67. Enclo: 1.

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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.
16th April 1918.

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Please refer to the correspondence about Taccavi Advances to Coffee Planters, ending with Major James' demi-official letter to yourself dated the 13th instant.

2. I have not yet heard officially from the Madras Government in consequence, no doubt, of the move to their Hill Station. But the Madras* Mail of the 13th instant contains an official communique on the subject which represents the views reached at Madras during my recent visit there after discussions with Sir A. Cardew and his officers.

*Copy enclosed.

3. If you will kindly compare this communique with the draft official memorandum you sent to me with your demi-official letter No. 5560, dated the 15th March you will see that the Madras Government and I have tried to express as clearly as we can the conditions which must be satisfactorily proved before any loan can be granted. The essence of the loan in our opinion is to enable Planters to "carry on" without serious deterioration of their estates.

4. We have accepted the principle on which many Planters notably in Coorg and Mysore lay great ~~confusion~~ emphasis - that crop 2 may, where necessary, ~~may~~ be taken as a security for the loan. This will obviate difficult and protracted enquiries in certain instances into mortgages and thus expedite disposal of applications. And we consider that, if we were to attempt to lay down any hard and fast rule as to ~~the~~ repayment of the 3 loans advanced, we should defeat our own ends which is of course to keep the industry alive and going. At present no one can foresee what is going to happen next year or the year

after. Again, some planters may be more fortunate in selling their crops than others. Or some may be able to get remittances from Europe while others may not. In brief, each case, in our opinion, must be decided on its individual merits, and the principle of a general rate per acre suggested in paragraph 2(iii) of your draft order would not be suitable. a

I hope I may receive shortly further and more detailed information from the Madras Government as to the subsidiary instructions they may be issuing to their Revenue Officers concerned, and, if so, I shall be happy to send on copies to you should you care to have them. For the rest we think 5 it important that any loans granted should be paid in instalments, preferably monthly. Were we to give a large lump sum down there would be an obvious temptation on the part of some recipients to devote it to objects other than those for which it was intended. If there are any further points which you think require further consideration or elucidation I shall always be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely,

H.V. Cobb

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Bangalore
16 Ap 18

5645.

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I thank you cordially for your Valued demi-official letter No. 67 dated yesterday, concerning loans to coffee planters. Some of the advice you have given will, I ~~have no doubt~~ am sure, be of much value to us in dealing with ~~(the detailed)~~ individual applications. ~~I have no doubt you will~~ We should be grateful if you would kindly furnish the Durbar with the subsidiary instructions issued by the Madras Govt. when the same come to hand.

Should there be any further difficulty I shall see, or communicate with, you as suggested.

With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely,

16.4.18 (Dewan)

Urgent

REPLY.
(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated..................April..........*191*8.

Letter dated the 15th April 1918 (No. 67) from the Hon'ble Mr. Cobb, and copy of my reply thereto, regarding loans to Coffee Planters.

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Forwarded to the Financial Secretary for favour of all further necessary action.

The subject is one of importance and will require close attention from week to week perhaps for several months to come.

The Financial Secretary will doubtless attend to all details and take full responsibility for dealing with all the cases as they come up.

The communication may also be circulated to Members of Council for favour of their suggestions if any.

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The Secretary
Financial Department.

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Please place this on the file & send the file to me. A copy may be made of the Residency letter & circulated to Members after above.

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D.O. No. 69. Enclo. 1.

D. O. No. 752

Ask for the Rules. For C. Secretary. Rules may kindly be drafted & brought up to Council for approval. MV 17.4.18

46 THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

16th April 1918.

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Kindly refer to the demi-official correspondence about Taccavi Loans for Coffee Planters ending with your letter No.5645 of to-day's date.

2 I have this morning received from the Madras Government the letter and enclosure a copy of which I forward.

3 As regards the second part of the G.O. from para:3 onwards it is very probable that you will find that the instructions issued will not fully meet your conditions in Mysore. Tea has been largely substituted for coffee throughout Madras and the coffee Industry, as it now exists there, has nothing like the same importance as in Mysore or indeed in Coorg.

4 In particular Rule 9 will deserve your very careful consideration before it is adopted as it stands. From what I know myself of the position in Coorg and Mysore, where mortgages are far more prevalent than in Madras, you will probably find it necessary to accept on a much larger basis than is contemplated in Madras the security of crop. I need scarcely say that where any other form of collateral security is obtainable, whether it be the land or conceivably the backing of the application for advances by ~~Bombay~~ Banking or Coast Agents, such additional security should be taken in the interests of Government. There will however, probably be in Mysore not a few cases where, in order to keep estates going, the security of the crop will be the essential if not the only one obtainable. If I may offer advice on this point I would suggest your consulting your Planters' Associations before issuing your final decision.

5 Another important point from the Mysore stand point is how the Loans when sanctioned are to be paid. I cannot help thinking that

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[illegible] best plan - I wish I could pursue the same course in Coorg - will be to utilize the agency of the Mysore Bank for the purpose. This would avoid throwing a lot of extra work and responsibility on to your revenue officers and I think might prove more acceptable to the Planters themselves.

6 Lastly I should say that the form of applications referred to in para:4 of the Madras Government's order has not yet reached me. I will send you on a copy when it is received.

Yours sincerely,

H.V. Cobb

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

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Coffee loans

Issuing a press communique regarding the grant of ---- and - instructing the Collectors the procedure to be adopted in granting them.

Revenue Department.

G. O. No. Press.1407 dated the 11th April 1918.

Read the following paper:-

From the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, No.2484-D, dated the 26th February 1918.

" Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No.820 dated the 7th March 1918.
To -do- No.382-D/18-1, D~~d~~ the 15th March 1918.
From -do- No.963, dated the 20th March 1918.

ORDER.

The following Press Communique will be issued:-

The following information is issued for the guidance of owners of coffee estates desiring to apply for loans from Government under the Agriculturists Loans Act:-

(1) No loan will be granted except on the production of clear evidence that the applicant cannot otherwise maintain his estate without serious deterioration in its condition and the amount of any loan will be limited to such sum as is essential to enable the applicant after taking account of all other resources to maintain his estate without serious deterioration.

(2) the security for the loan will be the crop of the land or - both.

(3) Loans will ordinarily be disbursed in instalments and will be repaybale in such ~~n~~ manner and after such period as may be fixed with reference to the circumstances of each case.

(4) Applications for these loans should be made to the Collector of the district who will if required furnish the necessary form of application.

2. The Government attach great importance to the expeditious disposal of the loan applications which may be put in in pursuance

of the above communique and desire that all such applications be dealt with by the Collector himself irrespective of the amount involved in each.

3. Under Rules I and II of the Loan Rules the Collectors are competent to sanction loans not exceeding Rs.2000/- in each case. For the purpose of loans to coffee planters the Government are now pleased to raise this maximum limit to Rs.6000/- If any application is received for an amount in excess of this limit of Rs.6000/- or in the contingency mentioned in paragraph 9 below the Collectors should, after enquiry, submit the application for the orders of the Government together with their own recommendations and complete ~~orders~~ records.

4. Applications should be obtained in the form appended to this order.

5. The loans should be disbursed in such monthly instalments as will roughly be sufficient to meet the cost of maintenance of the estate in each month after deducting whatever resources the planter may be able otherwise to supply.

6. In any case of real urgency, the Collector may advance to the applicant a sum not exceeding Rs.1000/- or one sixth of the loan applied for, whichever may be less, on a simple receipt if on reading the application there is prima facie reason to believe that the loan will eventually be granted. This simple receipt should acknowledge the receipt of the money as part of the loan to be granted. The Collector may grant such an advance both in cases where the loan applied for is within his sanctioning power and in cases in which the sanction of the Government is required for the loan. In cases where it is deemed desirable the Collectors may also arrange, as a temporary security pending completion of the loan order, to safeguard Government by obtaining a lien on gathered crop belonging to the applicant.

7. Where an advance has been given as contemplated in paragraph 6 above and the lo~~ss~~an is eventually sanctioned the advance should be treated as the first instalment of the loan.

8. The immediate object of these loans being to carry the planters through the immediate difficulties created by the war, the

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Government consider that the loans should ordinarily be repayable in one lump sum with interest at 6¼% per annum the date of repayment being one year from the date of disbursement of the first instalment of the loan. Whenever from causes beyond the borrower's control such repayment becomes unduly burdensome the Collectors will, no doubt, use the power they have under Rule 9 of the Loan Rules to extend the time of repayment. Where the loan has been sanctioned by Government the sanction of Government will be required for such an extension.

9. The Communique mentions that crop or land or both will be accepted as security, but His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the land should ordinarily and primarily be the security for the loan, the crop being merely accepted as collateral security. If in any case the applicant is unable to furnish land as security his application should, as provided in paragraph 3 ~~aove~~ above, be submitted for the orders of the Government.

10. Subject to these modifications the existing Loan Rules should be generally observed in disposing of the loan applications. All coffee loans granted by the Collectors should be reported to the Government for information. The amounts required should be disbursed from the district allotment under the Agriculturists Loans Act.

(True extract).

A.R.Knapp,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To
The Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.
" -do- Revenue Settlement.
Copy to the Collectors of Coimbatore.
The Nilgiris
Malabar
Salem
Madura.
Tinnevelly.

Copy to other Collectors.
" Accountant General.
" United Planters' Association of Southern India. para 1 only.
" The Hon'ble Sir E.F.Barber (para 1 only) with C.L.
" Superintendent, Government Press (para 1 only).

Letter No.1408, dated the 11th April 1918 from the Hon'ble Mr. A.R.Knapp, I.C.S., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.963, dated the 20th March 1918, I am directed to enclose a copy [illegible] G.O. No.1407 issued today on the subject of grant of loans to coffee planters. The order lays down the procedure this Government intend to follow in the matter.

2. With regard to the latter portion of paragraph 2 of your letter referred to above, I am directed to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council accepts your suggestion that the ten lakhs of rupees should be divided between the two Governments in equal shares. He regrets that, until some experience has been gained, he is unable to give any assurance as to the transfer to Coorg of any amount as may not be required in this Presidency in the current year.

" Copy "

V. U. Menon

Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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Bangalore,
17th April 1918.

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Dear Mr. Cobb,

I write to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of your further valued communication, with its enclosures, of the 16th instant on the subject of loans to Coffee Planters. Now that we know generally the lines on which the Governments of Madras and Coorg propose taking action we shall frame rules and begin operations without delay. All the points referred to in your letter will be very carefully considered and steps taken to help, as far as possible, within the limits of the funds at out disposal, all classes of coffee planters within the State who may be in need of assistance to prevent material deterioriation of their estates.

I am much obliged to you for kindly promising to send me a copy of the application form prescribed by the Madras Government when received.

Yours sincerely,

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D. O. No. 80. Enclo:1.

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

24th April 1918

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

With reference to ~~my~~ the concluding portion of my demi-official letter No. 69, dated the 16th April 1918, I enclose a Form of application prescribed in paragraph 4 of Madras G.O No. 1407.Rev., dated the 11th April 1918, -regarding Takkavi Loans to coffee planters.

Yours sincerely,

H. V. Cobb.

① Ackd. (vide D.O. No. 56669) 27.4.18

Fr. Secretary

27.4.18

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

APPENDIX.

Form of application for loans under the Agriculturists' Loans Act for the maintenance of coffee estates in taluk, district.

Name of the applicant.	* Estate for the maintenance of which loan is required.								Amount of loan required.	Security offered.						Nature and extent of the encumbrances on the immovable property offered as security.	Whether any arrears of land revenue are due on the estate or other immovable property offered as security.	Business other than coffee planting in which the applicant is interested, with particulars.	Remarks.
	Name.	Area under coffee.		Estimated cost of monthly maintenance of estate.	Last year's outturn.	Quantity sold.	Amount realized.	Quantity on hand.		If land.				If other immovable property.					
		Mature acres.	Immature acres.							Survey number.	Extent.	Assessment.	In whose name registered.	Extent.	Description.				
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* If the applicant is unable to offer land as security but has crop available, he should state the quantity available and the name of the person with whom it is deposited.

I the $\frac{\text{applicant}}{\text{surety}}$ for the above loan do hereby solemnly declare that what is stated in the above application regarding the nature and encumbrances on the property offered as security is true to the best of my information and belief and I believe that there are no other encumbrances on the property.

Applicant.

DEWAN OF MYSORE

D. O. No. 5666

Lake View, Mysore,
27th April 1918.

Dear Mr Cobb,

I write to acknowledge, with many thanks, the copy of form of application regarding Takavi loans to Coffee Planters, kindly forwarded with your demi-official letter No.80 dated the 24th instant. I have no doubt the form will be found useful to our officers.

~~with renewed thanks~~

C. O. 45—B. P. B.—1-1917—0,000.

No. /320 DATED BANGALORE 19th April 1918

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FROM

~~MAJOR T. H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER, I.A.,~~
Major E. H. S. James, I. A.,
First A ssistant Resident in Mysore

TO

The Honorary Secretary,
The South Mysore Planters' Association.

Reference ~~my~~ your letter ~~telegram~~ ~~No.~~ dated the 16th April 1918.

Subject

Requesting that in allotin g tonnage for the export of coffee into the United Kingdom, preference may be shown to -- coffee "in firsthands" i.e., coffee in the hands of planters.

The request is being forwarded to the Mysore Durbar for their sympathetic consideration.

Sd/- Arthur Richards,
Captain,

For First Assistant Resident.

No: 1321

Copy, with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, is forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore for information, with the remark that the Resident hopes that, as will doubtless be the case, the request of the South Mysore Planters' Association will meet with the -- sympathetic consideration of the Durbar.

Arthur Richards
Capt.

For First Assistant Resident.

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Deptt. of Education & Agriculture

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Letter dated the 16th April 1918, from the Hony: Secretary, South Mysore Planters Association, to the Hon'ble Mr.H.V.Cobb C.S.I., C.I.E., Resident in Mysore.

I have the honour to bring the following matter to your notice.

The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of this Association and forwarded to the Madras Government by the Secretary, U. P. A. S. I, Bangalore.

"That the U. P. A. S. I be requested to ask the Government to publish all information about tonnage concessions for coffee immediately such information is received and that preference shall in all cases be given to coffee in ~~the~~ first hands i.e., coffee in the hands of planters"

The Hon'ble Mr. A. R. Knapp, I.C.S., in the latter portion of his reply to the Secretary, U. P. A. S. I, said

3. "The request of the South Mysore Planters Association contained in the latter part of the resolution, viz., that - - preference should be given to coffee in first hands, it - - - appears, to this Government, should be placed before the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore. The Government of Madras will not - - have a voice in the distribution of such tonnage allotment as may fall in the share of Mysore."

This being the case and in the event of tonnage being - - suddenly alloted, I shall be mush obliged if you will kindly look into the matter and let me know your decision.

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Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

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To

F.A. Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.

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Sir,

With reference to your memo No.1321 dated 19th April 1918 forwarding copy of correspondence with the Honorary Secretary of the South Mysore Planters' Association in the matter of giving preference to Coffee 'in first hand' in allotting tonnage for the export of Coffee ~~in~~ to the United Kingdom, I am directed to state that the Durbar are in agreement with ~~the~~ this principle and that this view has also been communicated to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce ~~from whom detailed proposals are expected.~~

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Financial Secretary to Government.

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D. O. No. 89. Encl 1.

D. O. No [redacted]

THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

29th April 1918.

Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya,

Please refer to the correspondence ending with your demi-official letter No. 5666, dated the 27th April 1918, regarding Takavi loans to coffee planters.

In this connection I think it advisable to send you a copy of a confidential endorsement No. 2063, dated the 20th April 1918, from the Government of India in the - - Department of Commerce and Industry, regarding the proposed purchase by the Greek Government of 2000 tons of - Indian coffee. If this transaction is put through and freightage is made available it ought very considerably to ease the situation and pari passu to affect the question of taccavi loans . I will let you know if I get any further information on the subject.

(1) [illegible]
(2) Comment to the [illegible] & Dy Commissioner [illegible] for [illegible]
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Yours sincerely,

H. V. Cobb.

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Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

No. 2062.
Government of India.
Department of Commerce and Industry.
Simla, the 20th April 1918.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary to the Government of India in the
Department of Commerce and Industry.
To The Collector of Customs, Madras.

Urgent. Following received from Secretary of State. Begins. Greek Government desire to buy 2,000 tons coffee of good standard quality, unskinned plantation preferred, but Greek Government are willing to take malnative and bassanelly all packed in double bags if sufficient plantation not available.

Kindly make arrangements through local firms for purchase on behalf of Greek Government. You will doubtless ensure that order is equitably distributed as far as possible.

Pierce Leslie, Cochin, have cabled that freight to Port Said or Suez might be obtained in Japanese steamer due to - - arrive at Cochin towards the end of April and as coffee is - urgently required by Greek Government as much as possible - should be shipped by this steamer if you can make arrangements, regarding freight. If sufficient stocks are available at - Mangalore, Tellicherry and Calicut efforts might be made to - induce steamer to call at these ports. Shipment to Port Said is preferable to Sues as transhipment facilities there are - better.

If shipment of whole quantity from West Coast ports is impossible before monsoon breaks, as is most likely, Greek - Government will take up balance at Madras giging you due - - notice of arrival of vessel. You may be in a position to grant railway facilities for any coffee transported to Madras. - Greek Government are prepared to pay Rs. 42 and rupees 46 per hundredweight for native and plantation coffee respectively f.o.b. or f.o.r. West Coast port. Greek Government would bear cost of railway to Madras and incidental charges including - shipment there.

Sterling bills on demand London County and Westminister Bank

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Bank Lothbury with whom necessary credit will be established by Greek Government. Exchange Banks are being requested by me to treat this coffee as export of national importance and to give preferential treatment finance// Ends. Please consult coffee exporting firms and endeavour to arrange business on as equitable a basis as possible having regard to desirablity of shipping as much as possible from West Coast. ~~Depship~~. - Bombay asked to do anything he can towards further provision freight.

Telegraph if special railway facilities required to take coffee to West Coast

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 2063.

A copy is forwarded to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, and to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore and - - Chief Commissioner of Coorg, for information.

By order, etc.,
Sd/- E. P. Jones,
For Under Secretary to the Government of India.

" Copy."

V. K. Menon
Manager, Coorg Secretariat.

Bangalore
1st May 18.

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D. O. No. 5675

Dear Mr. Cobb,

I write to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your D.O. No. 89 dated 29th April 1918 regarding the proposed purchase of 2,000 tons of coffee by the Greek Govt and to state that the information is being communicated to the planters in the State through the local Chamber of Commerce and District officers.

The Durbar are very much obliged to you for the information.

Yours sincerely,

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To

The Hon'ble Mr. H.V.Cobb, C.S.I.,C.I.E.,
I.C.S.,
British Resident in Mysore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. 9L. 1027/ Rec one

Date of issue..6-5-18..........

Signed by..J. S. Chakravarthi

To

The First Assistant
to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore

Sir,

Adverting to correspondence ending with your letter no. 898 dated 15th March 1918, to the Secretary to Govt., Education and Agriculture, in the matter of financial assistance to Coffee Planters in Mysore, I am directed to

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forward herewith for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident and favour of communication to ~~the~~ Govt. of India a copy of the Durbar's order No: R. 6456-68 dated 2nd May 1918 sanctioning a scheme of special takavi loans to coffee planters within the State. 7.

Pending the appointment of a Special Officer the Deputy Commissioners of the districts of Hassan and Kadur have been authorised to receive and deal with applications for loans from coffee planters.

I have &c

Fin. Secy. to Govt.

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List of enclosures.

Fair draft approved 3 May

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Examined by

DIARY No. 4891

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

POST BOX
Nº 39.

Bangalore, 17th March 1917.

No. 773. Urgent

From

W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Department of Education,
Agriculture, Industries and Commerce,
BANGALORE.

Prohibition of Coffee into United Kingdom.

Sir,

I am desired by the Committee of the Chamber to forward to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore the -- sub-joined resolution which was passed at a Special Meeting of - the Committee held this day to consider the recent order of the British Government prohibiting the importation of Coffee into the United Kingdom.

Resolution. "That the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, be respectfully asked to approach the Government of India, pointing out the disastrous effects which will be -- caused to the Coffee Industry in this Province if the prohibition of Coffee into the United Kingdom is enforced at once, and requesting that all Coffee shipped from India prior to the end of May -- 1917

1917 shall be exempted from the prohibitory order."

In support of the foregoing resolution my Committee desire me to mention the exceptional nature of the Coffee industry in India, and its claim to some temporary preferential treatment in the unexpected position in which the industry now finds itself placed. The total area of Coffee under cultivation is about 170,000 acres, and the average yield 7000 tons of the value of £700,000. Prior to the War the crop was chiefly despatched to the London, Marseilles, Havre and Antwerp markets, and with these outlets now closed against the produce no special pleading is necessary to point out the disastrous effects resulting from such closure of markets, and at the moment when the crop is ready for export to Europe. Further, it should be borne in mind that the crop is an annual one, differing in this respect from Tea, which is capable of being plucked for some months, with portions of the crop sold forward or under hypothecation and agreement for despatch to finance houses at home. At present it is estimated that no more than 3000 tons of Coffee are waiting shipment home, and for this small quantity, my Committee on behalf of the Planting Community desire the period of export from India be extended to the 31st of May 1917; a concession of insignificant importance as touching the amount of tonnage required but one fraught with the greatest consequences on the industry.

In the matter of the financial position of the industry the majority of the members of the Planting Community have already incurred liabilities at home and in India which they will be totally incapable of discharging should the prohibitory order in question be not temporarily removed. Their position would not be so serious if it were possible to store the crop, - as in the case of tea, but such a course is out of the question in consequence of the damaging effects of the heavy West Coast Monsoon on the produce. There is still the future of the industry that deserves the serious consideration of the Governments of India and Mysore.

In the event of the current year's crop being unmarketable it will not be possible for the planting community to enter in- -to engagements for the ensuing year's cultivation of the crop. With the present order in force it is improbable that the home finance houses will extend their customary assistance , and added to this serious difficulty there remains the restrictions - of the Government of India in the matter of the negotiation of Sterling Bills by the Exchange Banks except against commodities declared to be of National Importance and in which category — Coffee is excluded. Under these adverse circumstances it will, obviously, be impossible for the planting community to make the customary arrangements with their labour contractors for the -- supply of coolies for the next season's crop.

At a low estimate the labour force employed by Coffee - estates in Mysore is put down at 75000 with their families, and if this large body of men, women and children were to be deprived of their customary source of maintenance their economic condition will undoubtedly demand the serious consideration of the Government of India, and, further have the disastrous effect of dispersing a large body of coolies trained and got together by the planting community at great expense and trouble.

In conclusion, my Committee are strongly of opinion that some special concession, in the manner indicated in the resolution, is called for on the part of the Imperial Government, and they venture to hope that an industry, the oldest in the -- State, will continue to receive the valuable support and sympathy of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. Finally, in view of the extreme urgency of the matter, I beg to solicit your taking immediate action for the transmission of this appeal, with your Government's strong recommendation, to the Government of India for their favourable and early consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.
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File No. 137-16.
Serial No. 5

Diary No. of letter replied to ....

No. 7838.

General and Revenue Secretariat
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, *the* *191* .

To

W. C. Rose Esqr,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber
of Commerce, Bangalore

Date of issue 27-3-17

Signed by M. P. M.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 7737 of 17th March 1917, bringing to notice a recent order of the British Govt. prohibiting the importation of Coffee into the United Kingdom, requesting that the Govt. of India may be ~~urged~~ moved to exempt from ~~their~~ the operation of the prohibitory order all Coffee shipped from India prior to the end of May 1917, I am directed to state that the Residency ~~have~~ has been addressed in the matter and the results

over.

SUBJECT.

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of this reference will be communicated to you ~~on receipt of reply~~ in due course ~~from the Residency~~.

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SUBJECT Financial aid to Coffee Planters

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.
TYPING Sec.
22 MAY 1917

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Diary No. of letter replied to D6160

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Section I.C.
File No. 137-16
Serial No. 11

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
( )
, *the* 191 .

No. 9610 / Ec. 1.

Date of issue 22-5-17.

Signed by Mr. Y. Narasinga Rao

To

The Chairman
Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith for your informn ~~Copy of~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Copy of telegram No. 5654/C.W.R. 18th May 1917 from the Secretary to the Govt. of India Deptt C & I to the Chief Commr of Coorg regarding assistance

P.U.D.

over.

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to Coffee Planters and to request ~~that~~ the Govt may be favoured with the opinion of the Chamber on the general question, raised therein, as well as the financial aid asked for, and to what extent the Mysore Bank may be expected to accommodate the planters.

The favour of a very early reply is requested

I have to be

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Diary No. of letter replied to.......D6160

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Serial No. 12

General and Revenue Secretariat
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, the 191 .

No. 9611-2

Date of issue.......22-5-17.

Signed by.......Mr. Y. N. Rao

To

The Deputy Comr
Hassan Distt
Kadur

Sir,

I am direct[ed] to request you to be so good as to report for the information of Govt the approximate ~~what~~ quantity of Coffee ~~approximately is available in the Distt for being sent out~~ what is still in the dist & not forwarded to Mangalore.

The matter may be treat[ed] as very urgent.

over.

22/5 for Secretary

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I&C. **File No.** 137-16.

Serial No. 13

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. 9389/Cey

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To

1) The Chairman
Chamber of Commerce
Mysore

~~2) Mr [illegible], Kadur~~

~~3) Mr [illegible], Hassan.~~

Date of issue 15-5-17

Signed by M. P. M.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 773 of 17 March 1917 regarding the export of Coffee into the United Kingdom, I am directed to forward herewith copy of a telegram from the Govt of India Dept of Ind & Commerce &

over.

SUBJECT.

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the Chief Commissioner of Coorg and to request ~~you~~ that the distribution of the [illegible] Rambo's share may be kindly ascertained & settled in conjunction with the Planters Associations, native and European, & to intimate to the [illegible] for ~~as that necessary~~ application ~~may~~ being made to the Residency for necessary certificate.

Thereto

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J-6 **File No.** 137-16

Serial No. 14

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. 9390-1 / Ecy

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 15-5-17

Signed by Mr. P. M.

To

(1) Dy Commr, Kadur
(2) Dy Commr, Hassan

Sir

~~With reference~~

In forwarding herewith copy of the accompanying telegram from the Govt of India in the DepMt of Commerce & Industry to the Chief Commr of Coorg, I am directed to request that the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share of the Coffee crop may be settled in conjunction with the Planters'

over.

SUBJECT.

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Associations, Native & European, & intimated to this office at once for application being made to the Resident at an early date for necessary certificates.

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D.M. 15/5 Secy [illegible]

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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No 39.

Bangalore, 22nd May 1917

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D. O. No 1012.

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Dear Mr. D'Souza,

In continuation of this Office letter No 984 of the 16th -- instant I enclose a note showing the procedure I have adopted in order to ascertain the share of the Mysore Planters, but as the course proposed will take time I have been approached by the West Coast Planters' Agents to modify the scheme with a view to enable them to take immediate advantage of the arrival of a steamer this week at Mangalore. I therefore beg to propose the following -- modification for your consideration, and which I have, no doubt, -- will be acceptable to the Hon'ble the Resident for purposes of the issue of licenses to the several West coast firms. As the matter is urgent I will thank you for a reply to-day.

The issue of provisional licenses to Shipping Agents of -- coffee planters, be granted on their undertaking:-

May be approved
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(i) That Export is Mysore Coffee.

(ii) That export is limited to 50% of total estate crop less shipment per Clan Macintyre with a maximum of 2150 tons, ---

and that each estate is allowed to export only its proportionate share to total export sanctioned.

(iii) That a declaration from each estate countersigned by Shipping Agents be submitted to Chamber within seven days from date of export.

Yours Sincerely,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Chairman.

To

P. G. D'Souza Esq, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary, Departments of Education & Agriculture,
Government of Mysore, BANGALORE.

10(b)

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce have received from the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore copy of a telegram, dated 12th May, from the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla, to the effect that the Home Government have agreed to allow the importation of half the coffee crop on the basis of total crops 4000 tons Madras, 4220 tons Coorg , and 4300 tons Mysore, half of which is 6260 tons. From this -- amount the 1100 tons shipped by the Clan Macintyre has to be deducted. Local allotments are to be calculated from the above -- figures and its distribution is left to the Chief Commissioner - of Coorg. The Custom authorities of Madras and Bombay have -- been instructed to allow out consignments as certified by the -- Chief Commissioner. The certificates will only be issued to - the limit above indicated.

With reference to the above the following procedure is to be adopted before licenses are issued.

Licenses will be issued by the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore to individual proprietors or their agents in proportion to sanctioned limit of export.. Declaration showing the total ~~xx~~ crop -- for export and the amount already exported to be submitted to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce by proprietors countersigned by their shipping agents.

No application for licenses will be entertained by the --- Resident unless submitted by the Mysore Chamber of Commerce -- through the Mysore Durbar.

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Diary No. of letter replied to .. D 6114

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Section 3 M
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
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D.O. No. 9613-4.

Date of issue 23-5-17

Signed by M

For issue 22/5

To

The Dy Comr
Kadur
~~Hassan~~ District

~~Sir~~ Dear Sir,

I am ~~directed to~~ directed to forward herewith copy of letter No. Pol 1162 of 22nd May 1907 addressed to the Residency regarding the distribution of the Mysore Planters' share of Coffee to be allowed to be shipped to Europe and to request you to see that Indian Planters are also able to take full advantage of the concession ~~[illegible]~~.

over.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

D. O. No. 96134

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

Bangalore, 23rd May 1917.

Dear [illegible]

I am desired to forward herewith copy of letter No. Pol. 1162 dated 22nd May 1917 addressed to the Residency regarding the distribution of the Mysore Palnters' share of Coffee to be allowed to be shipped to Europe and to request you to see that Indian Planters are also able to take full advantage of the concession.

Yours sincerely,

Fair Dft) (Intd) 8.G.D

To Dy Comr / Kadur Distt
Hassan

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SECTION I & C
FILE No. 137-16
SERIAL No. 18
no 729

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District,
Dated, Chikmagalur 23rd May 1917.

No. 4612
Date 25/5/17

From

B.Ramaswamaiaya, Esquire, B.A.,
Assistant Commissioner in District Charge,
Kadur District.

To

P,G.D'Souza, Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary, Departments of Education and
Agriculture, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 9611-2/I&C 137-16 dated 22nd May 1917 requesting to report the approximate quantity of coffee that is still awaiting desptach to Mangalore, I have the honor to state that about 250 tons are reported to be still awaiting despatch to Mangalore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Assistant Commissiner in
District Charge, Kadur
District.

Sea Customs office,
Mangalore, 21st May 1917.

From

The Customs Collector,
Mangalore.

To

Messrs. Volkart Bros.
Mangalore.

Sirs,

Referring to the shipments of coffee to United Kingdom from this port I have the honor to inform you that I have just received telegraphic instructions as shewn under from the Collector of Customs, Madras, which please note.

> "Pending final allotment of quantities allow shipment of following and quantities under licenses. Figures are based on a percentage of quantity shipped last year by the firms. Informshippers immediately."

* 51 tons

I have the honor to be,
Sirs,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd.
Customs Collector.

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In conclusion, I may state that information ~~xxx furnish~~ was furnished last March, to the Chamber by the representatives of the United Planters' Association of Southern India that ~~the~~ the total crop awaiting export was about 3,000 tons; -- probably this figure is liable to reduction for shipments made since ~~&~~ that date, but of which I have no complete figures. Under these circumstances you will I feel sure agree that the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxg~~ only fair course open to me was to deal with the amount awaiting export on the basis of a pro-rata share to each estate,

In conclusion, I beg to tender you my thanks for your~~xxx~~ ready help in this matter, and I hope one and all are now satisfied with having their grievances adjusted.

Your telegram of even date:--

" Rose Mysore Chamber Bangalore
Please wire express today if only half crop of each individual estate permitted or half of total Mysore crop as is case in Coorg See also mine 22nd 2492.
Parchment"

West Coast Firms who have applied for Licenses

Names			Extent in tons.	
1. Messrs Morgan & Co.,	Mangalor.	...	95	,,
2. Messrs. Volkart Bros.,	,,	....	98	,,,
3. Messrs. Peirce Leslie & Co.,	,,	...	83	,,
4. Messrs. Saldanha & Sons.,	,,	...	72	,,

Yours Faithfully,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

(Signed)

Chairmann.

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Coffee Curing Works.
Volkart Bros.

No.2492

Mangalore, 22nd May 1917

The Secretary,
The Mysore Chamber of Commerce,.
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I have to confirm telegrams exchanged.

The situation is most obscure and the only possible explanation seems to be that while the Collector of Customs in Madras concerns himself with exports the Resident is controlling imports into U.K..

The conditions laid down in your telegram today may be incapable of fulfillment as in many cases it may take more than seven days to get answers from planters. Many are absent from their estates either for a holiday or for drill or other purposes.

I enclose a copy of the order which was sent to me late yesterday by the local Collector of Customs. Every curer here received similar letter stating his allotment and every one is satisfied with the amount for three or four months as no work will be possible for that period after next week.

All we want to know now is whether this order is valid all through or whether in addition we have to get a license from the Resident in Mysore.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.

"Copy"

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24th May 1917.

1046.

To

Messrs. Volkart Bros.,

Mangalore.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter No.2492 of the 22nd instat and note the contents.

I am not in a position to say whether the licenses issued by the Madras Customs for the export of Mysore Coffee to the United Kingdom are valid, but from the copy of the Government of India telegram of the 12th instant it is clearly stated that the Home Government left the distribution of local allotments (i.e. appertaining to Mysore and Coorg) to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg and that the Customs authorities of Madras and Bombay had been instructed to allow out consignments as certified by the same authority. The order of the Home Government, in my opinion relates to the importation of coffee into the United Kingdom only --and has nothing to do with exports elswhere--

As regards the point raised by you in your telegram of date and confirmed at foot,- the concession of 50% of the total crop of Mysore Coffee and limited to 2150 tons, less the amount shipped by Clan Macentyre, must be apportioned to each individual estate, as otherwise it would be hard on those planters whose coffee is either uncured or still on their estates, if the concession was applicable to the quantity of the crop upto the sanctioned limit. No mention is made in the Home Government order that licenses are restricted to any particular period and I take it is therefore open to planters whose crops are at present not ready for export to the United Kingdom to ship their proportionate share hereafter and who would probably protest if they were refused a license on the ground that certificates for the full sanctioned amount of export had already been issued to others. On the otherhand, it may be probable that more than 50% of the Mysore Coffee Crop had been exported prior to the Home Government Order, and that the maximum sanctioned would more than suffice to cover all possible Mysore Coffee now at Coast Ports or on Estates.

Acting on this presumption and pending final adjustments of quantities each estate is ~~allotted~~ entitled to, I have to-day with the consent of the Mysore Durbar, applied to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore for licenses in full of the applications received by me from the several West Coast firms whose names are mentioned at foot and I trust this course will be to the convenience of all concerned.

Kindly communicate the contents of this letter to the firms mentioned and inform them that should they require further licenses hereafter it will be necessary for them to ~~to~~ furnish information as to the share of each estate already exported and those for which an additional license is required.

Copy of the telegram dated 24th May 1917, received by the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, from Messrs. Volkart Bros., Mangalore:--

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" Rose Mysore Chamber Bangalore
Please wire express today if only half crop of each individual estate is permitted or half of total Mysore crop as is case in Coorg See also mine22nd 2492

Parchment"

Copy of the express telegram from Mr. Rose, Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, to Messrs Volkart Bros., Mangalore, dated 24th May 1917.

" Parchment Mangalore
"Your wire date only half crop each individual estate permitted.export United Kingdom but pending final allotment quantities licenses being issued to West coasr firms in full of applications Advise firms

Mysore Chamber"

Chairman.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore, 25th May 1917.

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No.1052.

From

W. C. Rose, Esquire,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

26/5

To

P. G. D'Souza, Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to Government of His Highness The
Maharajah of Mysore, Department of Education
and Agriculture, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the following communications for your information.

1. Copy of the telegram of yesterdays date received by me from Messrs. Volkart Bros., Mangalore.

2. Copy of my telegram to the same firm of yesterdays date in reply to their telegram.

3. Their letter No2492 of the 22nd instant with its enclosures.

4. My letter No. 1046 of yesterdays date to them in reply to their above letter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Chairman.

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SUBJECT..

Diary No. of letter replied to 6338.

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Section SC.
File No. 137-1
Serial No. 20

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Issue
1 Copy with Cops enclos. No. 6326

No. 9915/Ecy

Date of issue 28-5-17

Signed by M. P. M.

To

The Chairman Mysore
Chamber of Commerce
Bangalore.

Sir,

~~In~~ In continuation of this Offi
letter No. 9610 of 22-5-17, ~~I am directed to forward herewith~~ a Co
of letter No. 729 of 24-5-17 from
the Asst. Commr. in charge Kad
Distt. reporting that about 250
of Coffee are awaiting despatch
Mangalore.

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 1052 of 25/5/17 enclosing copies of correspondence with Messrs M. Kant brothers Mangalore in regard to coffee export and to forward herewith ~~communication for needful~~ for favour of needful action

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Supdt.
MW
26-5-17

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MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore 26th May 1917.

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FILE No. 137-16

SERIAL No. 21

From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary, to the Government of Mysore,
Department of Education and Agriculture,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to give you hereunder copies of the telegrams that passed between the Chamber and Messrs. Peirce Leslie & Co., Mangalore for your information.

Copy of the telegram from Messrs Peirce Leslie & Co., Mangalore, to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore. dated 26-5-16

"Mysore Chamber Bangalore
Export License coffee to United Kingdom to arrive at quantity on ~~half~~ basis of half crop for which license will now be granted must all shipments made be deducted from fifty per cent of crop or only Macintyre shipments kindly feply fully by wire
Peirce"

Copy of the telegram from ~~the~~ the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, To Messrs Peirce Leslie & Co., dated 25th instant, in reply to the above telegram.

" Peirce Mangalore
Licenses will be based on half crop less Macintyre shipments only
Mysore Chamber"

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

L S V Ramaiyer,
Secrtary.

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SERIAL No. 22

MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore 26th May 1917.

No. 1070.

28 MAY 1917

From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer, Esquire,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Department of Education and Agriculture,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am desired by the Chairman to enclose a copy of the telegram from Messrs. Volkart Bros., Mangalore and to request you to kindly let us have a very early reply in the matter.

Copy of the telegram dated 26th May 1917.

"Mysore Chamber Bangalore
Can you arrange that estates which have already disposed of crops locally may allot their shares to other
Parchment"

Immediate

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce
L. S. V. Rama Iyer,
Secretary.

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce

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FILE No. 137-16
SERIAL No. 23

No 1091.

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Bangalore, 29th May 1917

From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer Esq,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education
and Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No 9915/I & C 137-16 of yesterday's date and to state in reply that ~~that~~ we are putting ourselves in direct communication with the Assistant Commissioner in charge of Kadur District on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

L.S.V.Ramaiyer,
Secretary.

DIARY No. 6656

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SERIAL No. 24

MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce. 22

POST BOX NO. 39

Bangalore 6th June 1917.

No. 1128.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Please read [illegible] with file [illegible] 2/6/17

In spite of my best endeavours I have not been able to [illegible] file yet. [illegible] 9.8.17

From

W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Depts. of Education and
Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter No 9610 / I & C 137-16 dated 22nd May 1917, with copy of telegram No 5654/C W dated 18th May 1917 from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg regarding assistance to Coffee planters, and asking for the opinion of the Chamber on the general question raised therein as well as the financial aid asked, and to what extent the Mysore Bank may be expected to accommodate the planters.

2. In reply, I am desired by the Managing Committee to submit the following remarks on the points raised in the telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry already referred to. It will best -- give Government the information they desire if the subject of assistance to coffee planters is discussed from the following standpoints.

(i)

(i) The present statistical position of the 1916-17 coffee crop.

(ii) The present and future financial position of the planting community.

(iii) The financial facilities necessary, and the probable extent of same.

(iv) The agency for granting such assistance.

3. As regards the present position of the 1916-17 crop the Committee have good grounds for believing that the fears expressed in the Government telegram that owing to possibility of the -- absence of freight the concession of import licenses covering half crops may prove ineffective have fortunately not been realised as a steamer has recently called at West Coast ports and coffee -- shipped to the extent of the available tonnage. The Committee are further led to believe that the amount of coffee waiting shipment to the United Kingdom is now not likely to exceed 1000 tons as licenses for importation into the United Kingdom to the extent of 507 tons have only been applied for to date. The smallness of the stock arises from the fact that since the despatch of the --- Chamber's letter No 773 dated 17th March 1917 a large portion of the crop has been exported to the Persian Gulf, (owing to the satisfactory change in the Military situation in Mesapotamia) Australia and allied European ports where prohibition of imports was not in force. Further, in consequence of the serious position which --- faced the coffee industry in March last a larger portion of crop was disposed of in India than is usually the case. This course has, undoubtedly, proved a wise one, as with Exchange restrictions and the prohibition of imports into the United Kingdom the planting community realised that the [redacted] procedure adopted was, apparently, the only source open to them to obtain the necessary funds for their future requirements.

4. Under these fortuitous circumstances the question of ---

taking measures for the protection of the small balance of the unsold crop during the monsoon causes no anxiety, as it is more than probable that coffee that has been cured has been shipped, and such as remains uncured can safely remain in godowns for the next three months, when it is hoped an opportunity will be given by the Shipping Controller for the visit of a single --- vessel to the West Coast ports to take the balance of the crop awaiting shipment to the United Kingdom.

5. The present condition of the coffee planting community may thus be said to be one not giving cause for immediate concern, but the future prospects of the industry are unfortunately full of anxiety, and [redacted] is chiefly due to the restrictions in Exchange, as several estates which were able to get their crops exported, prior to the prohibition, order, are now faced with the problem how to secure the return to India of the proceeds of their crops sold in London, and the same situation faces those who have now been permitted to export 50% of their crop. The [redacted] Government concession is thus of problematical -- value, and it is submitted that having sanctioned exports to - the extent of 50%, the Government of India should now make a similar proportionate concession for the return of the sale -- proceeds of the 50% of the crop imported into the United -- Kingdom, which taken at 2750 tons for Mysore at £ 70 net would represent £ 192500 or about 30 lakhs spread over 6 to 8 months.

6. With the question of the present and future financial position of the planting community there is associated the --- prospects of the industry being able to secure the usual European markets for its 1917-18 crop. If no definite pronouncement is made by the Home Government, either as regards its --- import into the United Kingdom, or for its purchase by the Military authorities, for the use of the forces operating in Africa, Persia, Egypt and the Balkans, should the war be still prevailing, it has seriously to be considered whether cultivation is the

wisest course to adopt. The Committee venture to suggest that it would be only a fitting concession to the oldest industry in the Mysore State if the Home Government gave a preference, by way of importation, into the United Kingdom to Indian coffee over Brazil and other producing countries as the stocks of --- coffee now in London become exhausted, a policy which would be in accord with the principle unanimously accepted by the Imperial War Cabinet "that each part of the Empire having due regard to "the interest of our Allies, shall give specially favourable -- "treatment and facilities to the produce and manufacturers of -- "other parts of the Empire". When the smallness of the total East Indian crop which is imported into the United Kingdom in normal years (about 4300 tons) is taken into consideration, -- the preference suggested would but represent 2/3rd% of the --- imports of Brazilian coffee into the United Kingdom, but the - concession would be the means of supporting an industry, and one which has not in any way benefitted from the effects of the war but rather the contrary. The Committee are not unmindful of the fact that the freight question is the one that the Home --- Government are mostly concerned with, and the necessity to give food stuffs a prior preference to all available tonnage. The Committee, however, venture to hope that the same preferential treatment as is now accorded to Tea, to the extent of the import into the United Kingdom of 2/3 of the crop required for Government and public consumption, will, also, be accorded to East India Coffee as the commodity is required for consumption.

7. Until some prospects are held out that a portion, --- at least, of the crop will be thus treated by the Home Government, or the guarantee of a minimum price at which the whole production of East India Coffee will be purchased by the Home Government, it would in the opinion of the Committee be most -- unlikely that financial assistance could reasonably be expected

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from Banks or Agency Houses. The withdrawal of deposits for investment in the War loan has already made serious inroads into the working capital of Banks, and who are now confronted with --- reduced resources to finance the external as well as internal trade of the country at prices much above the normal: The Committee are therefore of opinion that should the above suggestions not commend themselves to the Home Government nothing short of a guarantee by the Government of India or the Mysore Durbar against loss, as well as a definite promise on the part of the Government of India to render, if necessary, financial assistance to Banks to the extent of their advances to the planting community, will secure the necessary minimum finance to prevent --- detriment to the productive value of estates.

8. The extent to which such financial assistance will be necessary can at the best be a guess based on the total acreage under cultivation. It is estimated that there are in Mysore a lakh of acres under coffee cultivation, and taking Rs 60 per acre as the minimum working expenses for the next twelve months, the total financial assistance required will amount to 60 lakhs. From this there must be deducted the 30 lakhs of planters money to be allowed return to this country, as suggested in paragraph 5, and the balance to be advanced in equal moieties by the Mysore --- Durbar and the Government of India. Thus, the two Governments and the planting community themselves will have an interest in -- the near future of the industry. The advance from the two --- Governments will be secured by a prior lien on the crops, and the latter made over to the usual Agencies of Estates for sale on --- account of the Government.

9. The Committee are not in a position to state the extent to which the Bank of Mysore may be expected to share in the sum to be provided by the Mysore Durbar as this is a matter which -- can only be decided by the Directors of the Bank, but they are --

assured that the Bank are fully prepared to co-operate with the Mysore Durbar, on the conditions stated in paragraph 7, to the best of its available resources.

10. As regards the agency for the conduct of the advances to planters the Committee are of opinion that the same should be entrusted to the Bank of Mysore Ltd, who in turn ~~could~~ would, no doubt, act on the recommendation of the several Planting Associations in the State, and to whom it is suggested all applications for advances in connection with the purchase of manures, payment of wages etc should be submitted in the first instance, and if --- sanctioned by these bodies the amount approved would then be paid by the Bank.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Chairman.

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8.7 **File No.** 237-16

Serial No. 8

Diary No. of letter replied to ....

No. 23978

My dear N[illegible]

To ~~Secretary~~

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 25-7-17

Signed by M. J. S. Chakravarti

~~In enclosing for your information a copy of the telegram No. 5654 d/18th May 1917 from the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Depts. of Commerce and Industry to the Chief Commr. of Coorg,~~ in the matter of affording help to ~~the~~ coffee planters owing to the restrictions imposed in the matter of shipping coffee ~~say because~~ to the United Kingdom, ~~for the Mysore Durbar's information I beg to enquire what~~ whether any action

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has been taken by the Madras Government in the matter of ? affording financial assistance to the coffee planters in that Presidency.

Yours sincerely,

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ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
MADRAS.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

30th July 1917.

My dear Chakravarti,

Your D.O. No.F.L.397 dated the 26th July. I have not yet received any orders regarding the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter of affording help to planters, but Lionel Davidson, the Chief Secretary, could possibly tell you how matters stand now, as all the voluminous reports on the subject have gone to him.

Yours sincerely,

30/7/17.

Dewan Bahadur J.S.Chakravarti, Esq., M.A., F.R.A.S.,
Financial Secretary to the Government
of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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4. 7. **File No.** 237-16.
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No. Fl 398
d/ 25-July/17

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 25—7—17

Signed by Mr J. S. Chakravarti

Dear Mr. Rose,

With reference to your confidential letter No. 1128 d/ 6th June 1917 to the Secy. to Govt: E. & A. Depts., in the matter of financial assistance to coffee planters, the Residency has been requested to ~~State~~ let the Mysore Durbar know what the inclinations of the British Govt. are in the matter of permitting the shipping of the coffee crop to the United Kingdom and the

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purchase of the outturn by the Military authorities. Inquiry is also made as to the steps taken by the Govt. of Madras and other administrations concerned with coffee planters to meet the situation.

On receipt of the above information, the Durbar will be in a position to frame a suitable scheme in consultation with your Chamber and the Bank of Mysore.

I am now to inquire if anything further can, in the meantime, be done at this stage.

Yours sincerely,
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W. C. Rose Esqr.
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore, 2nd August 1917.

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From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer Esq,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

To

The Financial Secretary,
Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your D. O. No. Fl 398 of the 26th ultimo I am desired by the Chairman to send you copies of his letters of the 24th and 27th ultimo to the Secretary, United Planters' Association of Southern India and the copies of his replies thereto, which I herein enclose, for your information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
L.S.V. Ramaiyer,
Secretary.

Copy of D. O. letter No 1337 dated 24th July 1917 from the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore, to the Secretary, United Planters Association of Southern India, South Parade, -- Bangalore.

Sometime ago I believe you approached the Military authorities in the matter of their purchasing their requirements in coffee in this country with no satisfactory result. Will you let me know the reasons given for this refusal? Further can you ascertain from the S & T Corps whether any Coffee is now imported from the United Kingdom for the troops serving in India, Mesopotamia or East Africa.

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Secy.

Copy of letter dated 1st August 1917 from Mr. Fletcher - Norton, Secretary, United Planters Association of Southern India, South Parade, Bangalore, to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

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Yours of the 24th ultimo which I have not answered before - until I had heard from Ootacamund.

The Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies invariably advertises twice a year in the Planters' Chronicle tenders for coffee for troops; but I have not heard that any individual planter has put in for it, except probably Mr. Lund, of Balur. I believe one of the Coast firms takes it up,- if not all - a portion of them.

On the receipt of your letter of 24th ultimo I wrote to the Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies, 9th Division, Ootacamund, and asked him "whether any coffee is now imported from the United Kingdom for troops serving in India, Mesopotamia or East Africa" to which he replies to-day "I beg to inform you that the information asked for is not available in this office" which may mean -- that he declines to give the information asked for, or ignorance of where the coffee with which he supplies troops comes from.

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Secy.

Copy of D. O. letter No 1360 dated 27th July 1917 from the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore to the Secretary, United Planters Association of Southern India, South Parade, -- Bangalore.

Will you please let me know if the matter of financial --- assistance to coffee planters has made any progress ? Have the Madras Government and the Commissioner of Coorg moved at all in the matter ?

I would much like to know the present situation so far as it concerns your Association.

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Secy.

Copy of letter dated 1st August 1917 from Mr. Fletcher -- Norton, Secretary, United Planters Association of Southern India, South Parade, Bangalore to the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

Yours of the 27th ultimo.

Up to the moment of writing I have not heard from the Government of Madras to whom I sent the Resolutions. passed at the Meeting in Madras on the 30th and 31st May. That is how the matter stands at present: but I have written again to the Madras Government reminding them that the Annual Meeting takes place on the 20th --- instant by which time they will be in a position to give us such information that our Chairman can make a statement.

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To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

Sir,

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Dated

With reference to your letter No. 1128 dated the 6th June 1917 on the subject of assistance to coffee planters in the Mysore State, I am directed to state as follows:-

(1) In your letter under reply you have made three chief suggestions

(a) that some facilities may be afforded for the return of sale proceeds of the coffee allowed to be shipped to United Kingdom.

(b) That a definite pronouncement may be made if possible by the Home Government to the effect that a part at least of the coming crop will be allowed to be shipped to the United Kingdom or that the outturn will be purchased at a guaranteed minimum - price by the military authorities.

(c) That if no such pronouncement is possible, the Government of India ~~axx~~ or the Mysore Durbar should guarantee banks against loss and give a definite promise to them to render if necessary financial assistance in respect of -- financing coffee estates for the coming crop, such guarantee and assistance being estimated by you at 30 lakhs.

(2) As regards (a) the Durbar are

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informed that the Government of India have requested the Secretary of State for India to ask the Banks (~~at Home~~ in England) to give coffee remittances preference after articles on the main preferential list. There seems reasonable hope that this suggestion will be adopted and in that event, the position of next year's crop as a whole should be to some extent be secured.

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As a solution of the present difficulty said to be experienced by planters in getting back ~~monies~~ moneys due to them in London, the Government of India suggest that the cofffee planters may see whether if British Treasury bills are brought out of the sale proceeds, the London Offices of Banks would not agree to give advances through their Indian branches on the security of such bills. This proposal is, it is understood, at present being considered by the United Planters' Association of South India and a suggestion is also made that the Mysore planters be invited to get into touch with that body.

Your Chamber may at once kindly bring these facts and suggestions to the notice of the Mysore Planters.

(3) As regards proposal (b) the Durbar are not in possession of any information as yet.

(4) Regarding proposal (c) the

Government of India are of opinion that your estimate is susceptible of considerable reduction as, against the sum of 30 lakhs arrived at by you, allowance has to be made for the amount of the sales made in this country and for such payments as planters have been able or may hereafter be able to obtain for the crop sold for export elsewhere than to the United Kingdom.

I am therefore to request that a revised estimate may be kindly furnished by your Chamber at a very early date of the amount in respect of which guarantee or financial assistance may be required if no pronouncement as regards export or Government purchase can be made and no other solution can be arrived at. In this connection the prospect of being able to extend the local market or export more largely to countries other than the United Kingdom (allied or neutral) may be investigated.

I have etc.,

(Fl.) Secretary. to Govt of Ind.

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Bangalore, 13th September 1917

From
L. S. V. Rama Iyer Esq,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

To
The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education &
Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am desired by the Chairman to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter No 1724/I & C 137-16 of the 18th ultimo and to state in reply that a copy of your letter was forwarded on the 27th ultimo to the undernoted* Planters Associations in the State and Government Officers with the request that the information called for in the penultimate para of -- your letter may be furnished to the Chamber on an early date. No replies have yet been received and reminders are being sent to-day to the several Associations to expedite their replies and on receipt of same the Committee's final recommendations ~~xx~~ will be submitted to the Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

LSVRamaiyer,
Secretary.

*
The South Mysore Planters Association, Mudigere P.O.
The North Mysore Planters Association, Kalasa P.O.
Bababudan Planters Association, Santaveri.
The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur Dt., Chikmaglur.
The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.
Mr. B. Rangiengar, Honorary Secretary of the Chikmaglur
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Bangalore, 25th September 1917

From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer Esq,

Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

To

Rajamantrapravina Dewan Bahadur J. S. Chakravarti Esq, M.A., F.R.A.S.,

Financial Secretary, Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herein a copy of the letter to the Secretary, Departments of Education and Agriculture, Government of Mysore, re: Financial assistance to Coffee -- platners.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

L.S.V. Ramaiyer

Secretary.

25th September 1917.

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From

W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

F. G. D'Souza Esq, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness,
the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education
and Agriculture, Bangalore.

Sir,

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1724/ I & C 137-16 dated 18th August 1917 in reply to the Chamber's communication No 1128 dated 6th June 1917 on the subject of financial assistance to coffee planters in the Mysore State.

My Committee have been favoured with the opinions of the several Mysore Planters Associations as also the formal views of the representatives of the Mysore Coffee Planters present at the recent annual conference of the United Planters Association of Southern India, and I am desired by the Committee to submit to Government the following suggestions and recommendations on the subject under correspondence:

1. The recent notification of the Government of India, and referred to in para 2 of your letter under reply, granting authority to Banks to finance Coffee after articles on the

main preferential list is welcomed by the planting community, but recent advices to the Chamber, however, point in the direction that Banks are far from being in a position to undertake this further liability of the negotiation of estate bills -- under credits issued from London, and to remove all doubts in the matter it is desirable that some definite assurance may be given by banks of their willingness to regularly negotiate -- bills drawn under such credits for their usual constituents, as otherwise, the present precarious condition of carrying on -- estates will be intensified. If no such assurance on the -- part of the Exchange Banks is possible, my Committee fear that the suggestion put forward by the Government of India for -- Banks to grant advances on British Treasury Bills, purchased by planters out of the sale proceeds of their last crop, and - deposited in the London offices of Banks as security for advances in this country will not prove practicable for the --- reason that if credits issued by the London offices of Exchange and other British Banks for a shorter currency, than would be the period necessary for local advances, are refused negotiation it is scarcely probable that Banks will be able to make -- the suggested advances. Apparently, the suggestion to purchase British Treasury Bills is made with a view to provide -- security to the Banks, but it is submitted that the credits of London Banks do not fail on the point of security. There is, - also, the hardship, small as it may be in ordinary years, that by an investment in British Treasury Bills a borrower will be an unnecessary loser of the difference of interest received on the suggested investment and that charged by Banks in India for advances.

2. Crop Estimates 1916-17. In the Chamber's communication No 1128 dated 6th June para 5 it is mentioned that the approximate total crop exported was estimated at about 2750 tons. ---

Recent advices from West Coast Shipping Agents show that this -- estimate was not far short of the actual as will be perceived -- from the following figures:-

	Tons.	Tons.
Estimated total crop of Mysore Coffee for season 1916-17.		6500
Total exports to the United Kingdom	1510	
,, ,, other European ports	840	
	2350	
Sales in India.	3170	
Estimated crop in hands of curers and estates. about	980	6500

From enquiries made by the Committee, the 1917-18 crop is estimated as not likely to exceed 3500 tons, but of this total about 33 per cent will require no finance, as financial assistance has already been assured from usual sources, leaving about 2350 tons requiring financial aid, excluding the amount of --- 1916-17 crop unsold and ~~xx~~ in the hands of curers and others in - India.

3. Consequent on the unfavourable prospects of the -- current years crop, coupled with the fall in price, it is possible to reduce the estimate of the amount of finance necessary for securing the crop in sight, and it only now remains to -- consider the basis on which such an estimate should be governed.

With the certainty of a poor crop to be marketed this -- year it is submitted that to take acreage of cultivation as a basis would be somewhat risky, and my Committee are therefore of opinion that an estimated outturn of crop would be a safer guide, especially as such an estimate would be calculated by an experienced planter, to be selected by the several Associations in Mysore, and, also, have to be accepted by the Curing Agent of the planter, applying for the accommodation, as it is recommended that only on the backing of the Curing Agent, or -- other approved surety coupled with the hypothecation of the --

years crop should financial assistance be granted. It is, also, suggested that the Letter of Hypothecation should stipulate that all the crop should go to the Curer, who will render accounts and remit proceeds of local sales, or if exported to furnish the shipping documents, to the lending Agency of the Government.

Taking Rs 900/- per ton as a fair average price now for the crop, if sold in this country, the aggregate value of the 2350 tons requiring finance amounts to Rs 21 lakhs. On this valuation it is suggested that it would be safe to advance 50 per cent thus making the extent of the financial assistance necessary to slightly over 10 lakhs - a sum which in the opinion of the planting community will suffice to cover all demands. If however the Exchange Banks give the assurance previously referred to, this estimate is capable of being reduced by 33%. The final alternative, in the mode of financial assistance, is the adoption of the system of Taccavi advances.

New Markets. In consequence of the prevailing scarcity of tonnage with the probability that the restriction imposed on East India Coffee imports into the United Kingdom is likely to be strictly enforced for the 1917-18 crop, and the unsatisfactory state of the Home produce market for East Indian Coffee, my Committee have made enquiries as to the possibility of securing new and nearer markets for the industry. An investigation into the amount of coffee imported into countries east of Suez discloses the fact that over 23,000 tons are received by the following countries:-

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(a) Australia Cwts 28,[illegible] for official year 1915-16
(b) Aden. ,, 126,244 ,, ,,
(c) Straits Settlement 40,[illegible] for calendar year 1916.
(d) Ceylon ,, 14,[illegible] do
(e) Union of South Africa [illegible] do

The figures are somewhat startling, especially those relating to Aden, and it is surprising that with consuming --

markets so near the country of production that, apparently, no effort has hitherto been made to meet the demand of these markets. There are no doubt financial reasons why East Indian Coffee has continued to be exported to Europe, and also, probably the competition of Java coffee has been successful in maintaining a firm hold on the markets of (a), (c) and (e) but it seems very desirable that steps should at once be taken by the planting community to secure these markets. With tonnage scarce, it is perhaps useless to rely on ordinary business methods for the capture of the markets in question, and as suggested in the Chamber's communication of the 6th June 1917, the Home Government should be asked to obtain from the Governments concerned some favourable treatment for all British grown coffee.

My Committee after full consideration of all the circumstances affecting the planting industry in the State, and with the approval of the several planting Associations in Mysore, submit the following recommendations for the consideration of Government:

"The Government of India be asked to agree to and "negotiate through the Secretary of State for India "for the following as regards coffee:

(1) To obtain sanction for the export of the 1917-18 "crop to the United Kingdom and France.

(2) The total prohibition of other than British "grown coffee into India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, "East Africa, Aden and Mesopotamia.

(3) To prohibit the export, except under special "license, of all coffee from the United Kingdom to countries "east of Port Said.

(4) Also for the preferential import of British grown

"coffee into Australia and South Africa."

My Committee in suggesting the Government of India to approach the Secretary of State to negotiate for the importation of East India Coffee into France are influenced by the -- fact that much of the Coffee remaining on the West Coast would not be appreciated in the United Kingdom, whereas it is eminently suitable for the French market and such a concession would be of the greatest benefit to the planting community, especially, Indian.

Obviously, the matter of the disposal of the current seasons coffee crop in or out of India is the crux on which depends the due repayment of the financial accommodation -- that may be granted to planters, and it must also be borne in mind that in the event of the crop not being disposed, and with a continuance of the conditions now prevailing, the question of finance for another seasons crop will have to be faced by the Government. My Committee are therefore strongly of opinion that the Government of India should be addressed in terms of the above recommendations, and, also, be asked to request the Comptroller of Shipping to reserve, on due notice, a proportion of tonnage in vessels sailing to ports of the above -- countries and especially that all possible shipping facilities may be rendered for the shipments of coffee to ports on the Persian Gulf, as it is in every way important that the growing trade between India and the hinterland of Arabia and Persia should be fostered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

Chairman.

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From

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Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
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To

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Recent advices from West Coast Shipping Agents show that this -- estimate was not far short of the actual as will be perceived -- from the following figures:-

		Tons.
Estimated total crop of Mysore Coffee for season 1916-17.		6500
	Tons.	
Total exports to the United Kingdom	1510	
,, ,, other European ports	840	
	2350	
Sales in India.	3170	
Estimated crop in hands of curers and estates. about	980	6500

From enquiries made by the Committee, the 1917-18 crop is estimated as not likely to exceed 3500 tons, but of this total about 33 per cent will require no finance, as financial assistance has already been assured from usual sources, leaving about 2350 tons requiring financial aid, excluding the amount of --- 1916-17 crop unsold, and ~~xx~~ in the hands of curers and others in - India.

3. Consequent on the unfavourable prospects of the -- current years crop, coupled with the fall in price, it is possible to reduce the estimate of the amount of finance necessary for securing the crop in sight, and it only now remains to -- consider the basis on which such an estimate should be governed.

With the certainty of a poor crop to be marketed this -- year it is submitted that to take acreage of cultivation as a basis would be somewhat risky, and my Committee are therefore of opinion that an estimated outturn of crop would be a safer guide, especially as such an estimate would be calculated by an experienced planter, to be selected by the several Associations in Mysore, and, also, have to be accepted by the Curing Agent of the planter, applying for the accommodation, as it is recommended that only on the backing of the Curing Agent, or -- other approved surety, coupled with the hypothecation of the --

years crop should financial assistance be granted. It is, also, suggested that the Letter of Hypothecation should stipulate -- that all the crop should go to the Curer, who will render accounts and remit proceeds of local sales, or if exported to -- furnish the shipping documents, to the lending Agency of the -- Government.

Taking Rs 900/- per ton as a fair average price now for -- the crop, if sold in this country, the aggregate value of the 2350 tons requiring finance amounts to Rs 21 lakhs. On this valuation it is suggested that it would be safe to advance --- 50 per cent thus making the extent of the financial assistance necessary to slightly over 10 lakhs - a sum which in the opinion of the planting community will suffice to cover all demands. If however the Exchange Bnaks give the assurance previously referred to, this estimate is capable of being reduced by 33%. The final alternative, in the mode of financial assistance, is the adoption of the system of Taccavi advances.

New Markets. In consequence of the prevailing scarcity of tonnage with the probability that the restriction imposed on East India Coffee imports into the United Kingdom is likely to be strictly enforced for the 1917-18 crop, and the unsatisfactory state of the Home produce market for East Indian Coffee, my Committee have made enquiries as to the possibility of --- securing new and nearer markets for the industry. An investigation into the amount of coffee imported into countries east of Suez discloses the fact that over 23,000 tons are received by the following countries:-

(a)	Australia	Cwts	28,769	for official year 1915-16
(b)	Aden.	,,	126,244	,, ,,
(c)	Straits Settlement		40,264	for calendar year 1916.
(d)	Ceylon	,,	14,233	do
(e)	Union of South Africa		257,629	do

The figures are somewhat startling, especially those relating to Aden, and it is surprising that with consuming --

markets so near the country of production that, apparently, no effort has hitherto been made to meet the demand of these markets. There are no doubt financial reasons why East Indian Coffee has continued to be exported to Europe, and also, probably the competition of Java coffee has been successful in maintaining a firm hold on the markets of (a), (c) and (e), but it seems very desirable that steps should at once be taken by the planting community to secure these markets. With tonnage scarce, it is perhaps useless to rely on ordinary business methods for the capture of the markets in question, and as suggested in the Chamber's communication of the 6th June 1917, the Home Government should be asked to obtain from the Governments concerned some favourable treatment for all British grown coffee.

My Committee after full consideration of all the circumstances affecting the planting industry in the State, and with the approval of the several planting Associations in Mysore, submit the following recommendations for the consideration of Government:

"The Government of India be asked to agree to, and "negotiate through the Secretary of State for India "for, the following as regards coffee:

(1) To obtain sanction for the export of the 1917-18 "crop to the United Kingdom and France.

(2) The total prohibition of other than British "grown coffee into India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, "East Africa, Aden and Mesopotamia.

(3) To prohibit the export, except under special "license, of all coffee from the United Kingdom to countries "east of Port Said.

(4) Also for the preferential import of British grown

"coffee into Australia and South Africa."

My Committee in suggesting the Government of India to approach the Secretary of State to negotiate for the importation of East India Coffee into France are influenced by the -- fact that much of the Coffee remaining on the West Coast would not be appreciated in the United Kingdom, whereas it is eminently suitable for the French market, and such a concession would be of the greatest benefit to the planting community, especially, Indian.

Obviously, the matter of the disposal of the current seasons coffee crop in or out of India is the crux on which depends the due repayment of the financial accommodation -- that may be granted to planters, and it must, also, be borne in mind that in the event of the crop not being disposed, and with a continuance of the conditions now prevailing, the question of finance for another seasons crop will have to be faced by the Government. My Committee are therefore strongly of opinion that the Government of India should be addressed in terms of the above recommendations, and, also, be asked to request the Comptroller of Shipping to reserve, on due notice, a proportion of tonnage in vessels sailing to ports of the above -- countries, and especially that all possible shipping facilities may be rendered for the shipments of coffee to ports on the Persian Gulf, as it is in every way important that the growing trade between India and the hinterland of Arabia and Persia should be fostered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

Chairman.

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with 2 enclosures **Serial No.** 36

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Diary No. of letter replied to ....

No. 3657/Ecs.

General and Revenue Secretariat
( )
, *the* 191 .

Date of issue 6-10-17

Signed by [illegible]

P. R. D. II

To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1629 d/ 25th Sep. 1917 submitting certain proposals regarding financing coffee estates, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of your chamber and for communication to the planters concerned as far as may be considered necessary ~~copies of~~ extracts from the marginally noted communications received since

~~Extract from~~
P. R. D. II.
1) Letter No. 3127 d/ 25-9-17
extract from
2) Endorsement No. 3129 d/ 25-9-17
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over.

SUBJECT.

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from the Residency in the matter. The Concessions afforded, as per enclosure 2, regarding the shipping of coffee seems very much to simplify financing operations, as financing agents can now ~~manage~~ be expected to finance as in normal times. I am now to request you to state whether in the light of this further information, any help from Govt. is necessary, and if so [illegible], to what extent.

I have etc,

M 4.10.17
~~Fin~~ Secy. to Govt.
C & A

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Serial No. 37

Diary No. of letter replied to ....

No. 3660/Ecy.

General and Revenue Secretariat
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To

The Chairman, Mysore
Chamber of Commerce.

Date of issue ...... 6-10-17 ......

Signed by ...... M. M. S. R. ......

Sir,

In continuation of this Office letter No. 3657/D+C 137 of 16 d/ 6th Octr. 1917 in the matter of financial assistance to coffee planters, I am directed to forward herewith [illegible] ~~a copy of~~ Residency ~~letter~~ memo No. 3163 d/ 3-10-17 together with its enclosure, and to request that, after consulting as far as possible both the

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SUBJECT.

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European and Indian planters in the State, Govt. may be informed at a very early date whether ~~the planters [illegible]~~ the planters in Mysore ~~there is~~ any ~~they~~ have any objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras, ~~being accepted~~. The matter may I be ^kindly^ treated as very urgent.

I have etc.,

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(Finl. Secy. to Govt.)
Secy. E. A.

5/10/17

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Diary No. of letter replied to ....

No. 3661-2/Ey

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue 6-10-17

Signed by

To

The Dy. Commrs., Kadur and Hassan.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith extracts from ~~a copy of~~ Residency memo ~~letter~~ No. 3163 D/ 3-10-17 together with its enclosure, and to request that, after consulting as far as possible both the European and Indian planters in your District, Govt. may be informed at a very

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SUBJECT.

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early date whether ~~there is~~ the ~~Mysore~~ coffee planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal of the collector of customs, Madras, ~~being accepted~~.

The matter may be treated as very urgent.

I have etc,

~~Hml. Secretary~~)
Secy C.W.

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MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF COMMERCE

Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore, 8th October 1917. 19

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From

W. C. Rose, Esquire,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No.3,657/I&C 137-16 dated the 6th instant with enclosures for which I am obliged.

I fear your reading of the telegram dated the 4th September from the Secretary of State for India is not correct, and the maximum exportation of coffee now sanctioned by the Home Government, and referred to therein, is only in confirmation of the --- telegram of the 12th May 1917, from the Government of India in-- the Department of Commerce and Industry to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, and as communicated to the Chamber in your letter No. 9,389/I&C 137-16 dated 15th May 1917, and does not mean that --- - additional importation into the United Kingdom of 6,260 Tons of coffee has been sanctioned.

Under these circumstances the matter of financial assistance to Coffee Planters remains unchanged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

Chairman.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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[illegible]'s Circular dated, 3rd October 1917.

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With reference to the above Circular, the Chamber is now informed that the sanction of the Home Government referred to is only in confirmation of the already sanctioned total import of Tons 6260 East India Coffee into the United Kingdom as communicated by the Government of India in their telegram of 12th May, and advised to members in the Chamber's Weekly Report dated 21st May 1917.

The sanction of the Home Government must now be read as extending to only the balance of Coffee unexported to the United Kingdom, out of the sanctioned export of 6260 tons.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.
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No.

General and Revenue Secretariat
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Date of issue ______

Signed by ______

To The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to this office letter no: 3660/I&C 137-16-37 dated 6th Oct-17 enquiring whether the planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras, regarding the shipping office and to request the favour of a very early reply.

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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Bangalore, 8th November 1917.

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From

W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Depts. of Education and
Agriculture, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of -- your letter No 3660 / I & C 137--16 dated 6th October 1917 enclosing - copy of a letter from the Collector of Customs, Madras, R.O.C. No 4476/16 dated 7th September 1917 enquiring whether the -- planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal that -- shippers should be allowed to export the quantity of Coffee -- which they have for shipment irrespective of whether the Coffee originates from Madras, Coorg or Mysore.

In reply, I beg to state that the proposal of the -- Collector of Madras has been duly communicated to the several Planting Associations in the State, ~~and~~ who have expressed their approval of the proposal in question.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
W C Rose
Chairman.

GPB—50,000—17-9-15

1917.

From C. Devaraj Urs, Esquire,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Kadur District.

To P. G. D'Souza Esquire, BA, BL,
Secretary to Government
of Mysore. Depts. of Edn & Agri.
Bangalore.

Dated 11th Novr. 17.

Despatched 12th do.

Received

General No. C.E. 375
No.

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Enclosure No. Nil.

Subject

Regarding Shipment of Coffee
United Kingdom as proposed by the
Collector of Customs at Madras.

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SECTION G&E

FILE No. 137-16

SERIAL No. 41

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12-11-17

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District
Dated Chikmagalur 10th Nov. 1917.

From.

C. Devaraj Urs Esquire.
Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District.

To.

P. G. D'Souza Esquire. B.A., B.L.
Secretary to the Government of Mysore.
Departments of Education and Agriculture.
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3661-2/ I and C 137-16 dated the 6th October 1917 requesting me to intimate whether the Coffee Planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs at Madras, regarding shipment of Coffee to the United Kingdom, I have the honour to state that a reference was made to the European and Indian Planters' Associations in this District, requesting them to express their views in the matter.

2. The Honourary Secretaries of the North and South Planters' Associations intimate that the Associations are in favour of the proposal that shippers should be allowed to export the quantity which they state that they have

for Shipment, irrespective of whether the Coffee originates from Madras, Coorg or Mysore.

3. No reply has been received up till now from the Secretaries of the North Mysore Indian Planters' Associations as well as from the Baba-budden Planters' Association.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Deputy Commissioner
Kadur District

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Ioc File No. 1397/16

Serial No. 468

Immediate

Rev. Secy. Ed.

No. 4989

Diary No. of letter replied to ....

General and Revenue Secretariat
( )
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Date of issue 24-11-17

Signed by..

To

The Chairman
Mysore Chamber of
Commerce

Sir, ~~[illegible]~~

I am directed to request you to be so good as to state the amount of estimated crop of Coffee in the Mysore State for the season of 1917.

2 ~~I am to request~~ The favour of a very early reply is requested.

I have etc.,

~~for~~ Chief Secy

~~In~~ your letter dated the 25th Septr 1917 you have stated that "from enquiries made by your Committee the 1917-18 crop is estimated as not likely to exceed 35-00 tons" + you have made the calculations contained in that letter on this basis. I am to enquire if ~~any further~~ this estimate has since been found to require any revision.

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Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

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No 1821.

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Recd 28/11/17

Bangalore, 26th November 1917.

From

W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education
and Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 4989/I & C 137-16 of the -- 24th instant, I have the honour to state that the Committee have received no information to justify any revision of the estimate of the 1916-17 crop as submitted in my letter of the - 25th September 1917.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
W. C. Rose
Chairman.

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Bangalore, 5th December 1917.

No 1843.

Urgent:

DIARY No. 3866

From

L. S. V. Rama Iyer Esq,
Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

RD 5/12/17

To.

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Depts. of Education and
Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Urgent

Please put up papers & submit to Secy. The picking season commences in Decr.
5/12

Sir,

Re: Financial assistance to Coffee Planters.

In continuation of this Office letter No D 1629 of the -- 25th September 1917 I am directed by the Chairman to send you a copy of letter No CC 283/17-18 of the 30th ultimo from the Offg. Deputy Commissioner of Kadur District with its enclosure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

L S V Rama Iyer,

Secretary.

Letter No C C·283/17-18 dated 30th November 1917 from the Offg. Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District to the Chairman, -- Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.

With reference to your D. O. letter No 1496 dated 27th -- August 1916 in the matter of rendering assistance to Coffee -- Planters in the Mysore State, I have the honour to forward -- enclosed copy of working scheme prepared by the District Economic·Superintendent, from which it will be seen that the amount of financial assistance to the Planters in this District for -- the cultivation of 1917-18 coffee crop is estimated at Rs 3,00,000 at Rs 6/- per acre on an area of 50,000 acres expected to come under this scheme. This estimate appears to have been prepared with due regard to the reduction to be made for the amount of sales effected in this country as also that for which payments may be obtained for crops sold for export elsewhere than to the United Kingdom.

2. The absolute minimum amount of expenditure necessary for the upkeep of an estate has been calculated without making any allowance for the repayment of any existing indebtedness.

3. The crop as now estimated comes to 1,00,000 maunds of --- 28¾ lbs per maund and its value at Rs 5/- per maund aggregates Rs 5,00,000/-.

Compare with the previous estimate. They may have again [illegible] assumed [illegible]

4. The proposed advance of Rs 6/- an acre seems to be quite ample and this is required by the planters for weeding and for picking the standing crop.. The amount may be recovered from the planters in the month of March or April 1918. The most suitable medium for making advances would be the Bank of Mysore who would act on the recommendation of the District Economic Superintendent to whom all applications for advances should be submitted. There are also some European Planters and a large number of Indian Planters who do not belong to any Planters' Association and they may also apply to the Economic Superintendent

Initd. This figure is for Kadur Dt. only. The previous figure is for the whole State.

Superintendent for any assistance required by them. The question of advances should be undertaken under this scheme only in the case of Planters who own an estate of 20 acres and above while those holding smaller areas being referred to Co-operative Societies which can easily undertake financing them.

5. I also forward herewith copy of resolution passed by some of the Indian Planters at a meeting held on Saturday the 7th -- instant in which the District Economic Superintendent, Mr.D.M. Meppen was also present and explained to the members the details of his scheme which has been accepted by them.

"copy"

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

L.S.N. Ramaiyer

Secretary.

5-12-17

Enclosure.

Kadur District.

COFFEE.

Estimated area to come under the scheme 50,000 acres.

Estimated cost of cultivation picking crop etc Rs 40/- per acre,-- (exclusive of manure) Rs 20,00,000/-.

Proposed advance of Rs 6/- per acre Rs 3,00,000/-.

Estimated crop 1,00,000 maunds at Rs 5/- per maund Rs 5,00,000/-.

Proposed working of the scheme.

The estate of every applicant for a loan under the Scheme -- will be personally visited by the Economic Superintendent. After - ascertaining the average crops for the last six years and an inspection of the standing crop, an estimate will be made and ~~x~~ a written report sent in recommending (or otherwise) the amount that may be advanced against the crop calculated upon the basis of Rs 5/- per - maund of Coffee (28¾ lbs).

The advance should be made at the rate of Re 1/- per mensem per acre, that is to say if the scheme comes into working from the 1st October the allotments would be

October	Rs	50,000/-
November	Rs	50,000/-
December	Rs	50,000/-
January	Rs	50,000/-
February	Rs	50,000/-
March	Rs	50,000/-
Total	Rs	3,00,000/-

and be secured by the hypothecation of the standing crop. In all cases the loans shall be cleared during the financial year ending 30th June 1918.

Picking of crops will commence in December and continue on -- the higher estates until the end of March.

The loan amount allotted for working at Rs 3/- per acre will only admit of one weeding or "sicklying" down of weeds and removing of suckers.

It costs Re 1/- per maund to pick, cure, prepare and watch the crop till it leaves the estate. It will cost As 4 to 0-6-0 per maund to land the coffee in Chikmaglur, where provisions should be made for storing it.

With a large stock of pounded Coffee the practical monopoly of the "Native" Coffee in the hands of the Government; favourable and advantageous terms would be possible.

"Copy" Douglas W. Meppen,
Economic Superintendent,
Kadur District.

"Copy"

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
S.S.N. Ramaiyer,
Secretary.

5-12-17

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE INDIAN PLANTERS HELD IN THE OFFICE ROOM OF MR. C. SYED PEER SAB, COFFEE PLANTER, CHIKMAGLUR, AT 4. P. M. ON SATURDAY THE 17th November 1917.

Proposed by Mr. C. Abdur Rahim Sab and seconded by Mr. C. Khizer Khan Sab that Mr. C. Syed Peer Sab should preside in the meeting.

Read the draft scheme proposed by the District Economic Superintendent about advances against Native Coffee crops.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved that the scheme proposed by the District Economic -- Superintendent, be approved of the meeting and requisition sent up to the Government for immediate steps to be taken to bring the --- scheme into effect. Proposed by Mr. G. Abdul Rahim Sab and seconded by Mr. Mathias and carried mem con..

2. Resolved that when the coffee is all prepared Government will -- arrange to make advances against the Coffee at the rate of Rs 5/- per maund as produce loan.

3. Proposed by Mr. C. Khizer Khan Sab and seconded by Mr. G. Abdul Latheef Sab and carried mem con.

Gentlemen present.

1. Mr. C. Syed Peer Sab.
2. Mr. G. Abdur Rahim Sab, B.A., L.LB. Advocate.
3. Mr. C. Khizer Khan Sab, Timber merchant.
4. Mr. Ganjam Abdul Wahab Sab.
5. Mr. Haji Badradin Khan Sab.
6. Mr. P. F. Narona.
7. Messrs. T. Habibulla Sab & Co, Merchants.
8. Mr. Noor Abdul Sattar Sab.
9. Mr. D. Mahomed Osman Sab.
10. Mr. A. Mathias.
11. Mr. T. Rama Rao.
12. Mr. Gurusawmy Naidu.
13. Mr. Bijapur Khader Hussain Sab.
14. Mr. D. Mahomed Ali Sab.
15. Mr. D. Abdul Rahim Sab.
16. Mr. Mahmed Amin Sab.
17. Mr. B. Kesaviya.

Sd. C. Syed Peer, President.

Copy submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District for -- kind consideration and favour of arranging to help immediately.

Sd. C. Syed Peer, President, 20-11-1917.

"Copy"

For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

E.S.N. Ramaiya,

Secretary.

5-12-17

Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District.
Dated Hassan, 14th. December 1917.

DIARY No. 3867
19-12
SECTION
FILE No.
No.

C. Venkata Rao, Esquire, B. A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

To,

P.G.D'Souza Esquire, B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Departments of Education and Agriculture,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3661-2/A.C.137-16 dated the 6th October last, forwarding extracts from Residency Memo No. 3163 dated 3rd October 1917 together with its enclosure and requesting me to inform after consulting both the European and Indian Planters in this District as to whether the Coffee Planters in Mysore have any objection to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras, regarding the export of coffee, I have the honor to state that as regards the European Planters the President of the South Mysore Planters' Association has written to say that he has on behalf of the Association, agreed to the proposal of the Collector of Customs, Madras, while it is ascertained that the Indian Planters have dealings only with the merchants at Mangalore and have nothing to do with any shippers at all directly.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

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From

O. Venkata Rao, Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. Deputy Commissioner,
Hassan District.

To

P.G.D'Souza, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Departments of Education and
Agriculture, Bangalore.

Dated

Despatched 4th December 1917

Received

General No. Rev. 339 / Hc II B

Enclosure No. [illegible]

SUBJECT.

Stating that the European Coffee Planters are agreeable to the proposal of the Collector of Customs Madras regarding the export of Coffee to

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G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT Informs that the Shipping Controller has stated his inability to give coffee even secondary preference.

Diary No. of letter replied to ..

Section 9/6.
File No. 137-16.
Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
( )
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No. 5725

Date of issue 15-12-17

Signed by

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To

The Chairman,

Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1629 of 25th Sept regarding certain concessions for the export of coffee to the United Kingdom, I am directed to state that the Durbar are informed that the Secretary of State has intimated to the Govt. of Madras that the Shipping Controller

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is unable to give even secondary preference to coffee after the claims of priority cargo have been satisfied and ~~The Shipping Controller~~ states that priority cargo is so heavily in arrears and the demands of Govt: Departments are so urgent that the grant of secondary preference to coffee would, in no way, further its import into the United Kingdom.

The Shipping Controller

I have etc,

For Secy. E & A.

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List of enclosures.

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SUBJECT Requests certain information on the question of state aid to planters

Diary No. of letter replied to

Section 9 & C.
File No. 137-16
Serial No.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT (9 + C)
the 191 .

No. 6108

Date of issue 28-12-17

Signed by Mr. M. K. Kalasappa

To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

In continuation of correspondence ending with my letter No. 5725-8, 15-12-17 on the subject of financial accommodation to coffee planters, I am directed to state that the Govt. of India desire definite information on the following points:—

(Here copy items (a) (b) & (c)

over.

Extn 4 (a)

in para 4 of the Govt. of India letter.)

I am also to state that the ~~figures of exports~~ Govt. of India observe that the figures of exports of coffee from India do not altogether bear out the gloomy view of the immediate situation which has apparently been taken by the planters themselves. The total exports for the seven months ending 31st Oct. this year have been stated to amount~~ed~~ to 139,781 cwts. as against 89,430 cwts. during the same period in 1916 and 110,093 in 1915. A good deal of this improvement is it is said apparently due to the development of non-European markets, particularly in the regions surrounding the Persian Gulf, and the Govt. of India think that there is good reason to believe that these

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markets are susceptible of still greater development, to an extent which may render the industry, as time goes on, less dependent on European markets than hitherto. It is not known how far these exports have actually been financed, and the Govt: of India invite information on this point. They understand however that the financial position has recently been eased, and they believe that the banks should now be in a better position to provide facilities than was possibly the case a few months ago. An early reply is requested.

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Secretary E. & A.

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No. 6284/E-1

To

The Chairman,
Chamber of Commerce.

Date of issue

Signed by

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for your information and necessary publication ~~among the planters~~ a copy of the Notification by the Govt. of India in the Dept. of Commerce and Industry No. 1292—D. 8 the 8th Dec. 1917, relating ~~and to~~ to the prohibition of the importation of coffee into

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British India, ~~and to~~ request that the contents of the Notification may kindly be brought to the notice of the mercantile community in the State.

The same will also be published in the Mysore Gazette.

I have etc,

Secy. G. & A.

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No. 6387.

Date of issue 7-1-11

Signed by Mr. P. G. D'Souza

To

Notification

The following notification of the Govt. of India in the Department of Industries & Commerce is republished for general information:—

[Here enter the notifn.]

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To the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication in the over Gazette.

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SUBJECT Shipment of coffee to the United Kingdom

Diary No. of letter replied to 1541

Section 86.
File No.
Serial No.

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No. 6385

Date of issue 2-1-18

Signed by Mr. P. G. D'Souza

To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

In connection with the embargo placed on coffee shipments by the Shipping controller I am directed to state for your information that the Govt: of India have strongly urged to the Secy. of State for India that the Board of Trade should be asked to admit

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half the quantity of the 1917 crop which is estimated at 8300 tons plus the unshipped balance of 6260 tons of 1916 crop. While agreeing that coffee cannot be treated as Priority cargo or given secondary preference, the Govt. of India think that the Shipping controller should be pressed to remove embargo on coffee shipments, as they understand that the present instructions preclude liners taking coffee even if the claims of priority cargo are satisfied, and space is available.

I have etc,

Secy. C. & A.

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No. 6937

Date of issue 17-1-1918

Signed by [illegible]

To

The Chairman,

Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to this office letter No. 6108 d/ 28-12-17 in the matter of certain information wanted by the Govt: of India on the question of financial assistance to coffee planters, and request the favor of an

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early reply ~~on the points raised therein~~. thereto

I have etc,

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SUBJECT • Reminder to the Chamber to furnish certain information &c.

Diary No. of letter replied to

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No. 7571

Date of issue 30-1-18

Signed by [illegible]

To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Sir,

I am directed to invite ~~your attention~~ upon to this office letter No. 6108 d/ 28-12-17 in the matter of certain information wanted by the Govt. of India on the question of financial assistance to coffee planters, and the subsequent reminder thereon No.

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6939 d/ 17-1-18, and to request the ~~favor~~ of a very early reply thereto.

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Bangalore, 30th January 1918.

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From

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W. C. Rose Esq,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Departments of Education
and Agriculture, BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No H 6108/I & C 137-16 -- dated 28th December 1917 on the subject of financial accommodation to coffee planters, and asking for definite information - on behalf of the Government of India on the following points:-

(a) Whether the difficulties of the planters are due - to the absence of necessary finance of exports;

(b) Or want of funds for the maintenance of their -- estates;

(c) Or to both (a) and (b)

(d) What proportion of estates are in a position to -- make repayment to the Banks in London if such additional -- funds as may be required under headings a, b, c, are supplied to them by Banks in India.

(e) Whether it would be of any actual assistance to planters if a secondary preference similar to that already sanctioned for the export of coffee, be extended to finance bills drawn by estates owning funds in London.

In answer to the foregoing enquiries I am desired (by the O)· Committee of the Chamber) to state as follows:-

(a, b, & c). In the absence of shipping facilities there can obviously be no finance of exports, and unless planters are successful in disposing of their crops locally, they will require funds for maintenance of their estates until the return of normal conditions.

(d) As no shipments are possible, planters are not in a position to make repayment to the Banks in London, but such estates that have funds in London and succeed in disposing of their crop locally, will be able to arrange repayment through their London bankers or agents. No definite information can be furnished as to the proportion of such estates that are owning funds in London; but so far as Mysore in concerned the numbers are likely to be insignificant.

(e) The concessions suggested would be of some assistance if of any practical value, and especially if the preference also included bills drawn on approved London agents of estates and not restricted only to estates owning funds in London. Such bills to be restricted to 50% of the estimated value of the years crop.

With reference to your concluding remarks, it should be borne in mind that exports of coffee from India vary each year. The crop for 1916-17 was a bumper one whereas that of 1915-16 was a poor one, and hence the striking difference in the totals of exports upto October of last year. My Committee are in agreement with the views expressed on the possibilities of the development of non-European markets, and on this point I would invite your attention to the remarks contained in the penultimate para in my letter of the 25th September 1917.

I am desired to intimate that the Government of India be -- pressed to come to an early decision in this matter as before -- long the present labour forces on the estate have to be paid off and reengaged if ~~financ~~ financial facilities are forthcoming for 1918-19.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

Chairman.

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REPLY.
(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated February 1918

Letter dated the 30th January 1918 from the Secretary, The U.P.A.S.I. sending a copy of a scheme for relief by Government for the coffee industry, presented by the Association to the Government of Madras and hoping that this Government would be able to give the scheme their support.

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Forwarded to the Secretary, Financial Department, for favour of acknowledging the letter and then dealing with the scheme on its merits.

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The Secretary,
Financial Department.

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25, South Parade,
Bangalore, 30th January, 1918.

The Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Under instructions from the Chairman of the United Planters' Association of Southern India, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a Scheme for Relief by Government for the Coffee Industry of S. India which has been presented to the Government of Madras to be forwarded to the Government of India.

It is to be hoped that you will give the Scheme the support of your Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Fletcher Norton
Secretary.

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SCHEME FOR RELIEF BY GOVERNMENT FOR THE COFFEE INDUSTRY IN S.INDIA.

In submitting to Government for their consideration the following further details in elaboration of the resolution passed at the United Planters' Association of Southern India Conference in August last reading:-

"That the Government of India be approached with a view to their purchasing the stocks of coffee now remaining in the Country if tonnage is not available". We have endeavoured to give expression to the measures which, in our opinion it will be necessary to carry out to bring immediate relief to the Coffee Industry and to those dependant upon it.

In doing so we have sought the assistance and valuable advice of many of the coffee curing agents without whose co-operation we believe no scheme can be made practicable.

In putting forward these proposals we have borne in mind the fact that it is only after Planters have made every effort to dispose of their coffee themselves they should finally ask Government to help them out of their difficulties by coming to their assistance, and in asking them to do so we have endeavoured as far as possible to safeguard them against any pecuniary loss.

We, therefore, submit the following proposals to enable Government to put into effect the above resolution:-

(1) That this scheme be introduced by Government for the purpose of giving financial aid to the coffee Industry during the present crisis and that it be in force until six months after the termination of the War or until such time as unrestricted tonnage is available for coffee. In the event of it being necessary to continue the operation of this scheme beyond the present season the conditions suggested for the working of it shall be recurrent.

(2) That Government do publish at once their intention of purchasing the stocks of coffee remaining unsold on April 15th, 1918 at the following prices:-

Plantation coffee at Rs.43-10-0 per Cwt.
Native Coffee " 40- 0-0 "

delivery to be made packed in double bags f.o.b. or f.o.r. as may be required. That payment for the stocks so purchased by Government shall be made at a date fixed by Government; subject to monthly advances being given to those planters requiring them for the up-keep of their Estates, from the date of Government taking over the stocks.

It is absolutely essential for the success of this scheme that Governments final decision in this matter should be published at the earliest possible date as their doing so will have the effect of steadying the local markets at present exploited by buyers who are taking full advantage of the extreme financial difficulties in which planters are now placed, by offering prices which are totally inadequate for the needs of the Industry, but must be accepted by those who have no cash and are not offered any assistance.

(3) That this scheme shall only take into account Plantation and Native Coffee. The former with the usual 7% of Triage and the latter to be garbled to the Havre Standard.

All inferior grades shall be excluded.

(4) That the sale of stocks of coffee on hand on and after April 15th to Government shall be at the option of the holders of such stocks.

(5) We suggest that the recognised Coffee Curing Firms be appointed the Agents to act in all matters connected with this scheme between Government and the Planter and that they be requested to give all assistance in their power to Government by advice and action in the disposal of any coffee purchased by Government.

(6) That all stocks of coffee remaining on April 15th shall be sold to Government in the cured state as the best means of settling the account yearly and that it be pointed out to Government

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that so long as this coffee be kept in a thoroughly dry climate such as Karachi and Tuticorin it would not deteriorate.

What has been said in the past about coffee deteriorating applied only to coffee kept on the Coast after a certain period.

(7) That in the event of considerable stocks of coffee being held by Government at the termination of this scheme, shipment shall be made in the ratio of three tons of such stocks to every one ton of other coffee shipped until these stocks be liquidated except in the case of markets for which old stocks are unsuitable which shall be free. That Government shall have control over the export of coffee from India until these stocks are disposed of.

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SUBJECT Acknowledges receipt of a copy of a scheme for relief by Govt: for the Coffee Industry forwarded by the U.P.A.S.I.

Diary No. of letter replied to 1903

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Serial No.

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No. J.C. 4160

Date of issue 8 Feby/18

Signed by W. Sreeni Iyengar

To
The Secretary
United Planters Association of Southern India.
25 South Parade Bangalore

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter d/ 30/1/18 to the address of the Dewan forwarding a copy of a scheme for Relief by Govt: for the coffee Industry of Southern India, and to state that ~~it~~ the subject is receiving the

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attention of Govt.

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For Finl. Secy. to Govt.

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SUBJECT Re Removing the embargo on Coffee Shipments.

Diary No. of letter replied to... 1950

Section D.A.C

File No. 137-16.

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No. 8077.

Date of issue... 13-2-18.

Signed by...

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To

The Chairman,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 6385 d 7-1-18 ~~stating~~ informing you that ~~the Govt of India have~~ ~~urged~~ ~~represented~~ A Representation has been made to ~~to~~ ~~to~~ the Secy. of State for India to press the Shipping controller to remove the embargo on coffee Shipments, I am directed to state that the Govt. of India have been informed by

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the Secy. of State ~~that the Shipping Controller I has stated~~ that no instructions have been issued by the Shipping Controller precluding liners from taking coffee, and that the policy regarding the use of free space remains unchanged, all non-priority commodities being treated alike. P. As however by the issue of instructions ~~were issued~~ for the shipment of arrears of priority cargo and excess of priority cargo when space permitted, ~~it is stated that~~ the position might have been misunderstood by liner agents,

The Govt. of India have ~~therefore~~ now ~~requested~~ addressed the Calcutta Liners Conference to issue instructions to the Madras Homeward Freight Conference permitting the inclusion of

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of coffee in the non-priority cargo that can be shipped when space is available.

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UNITED PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN INDIA
IN TERRAS
INCORPORATED

25, South Parade,
Bangalore, 28th February, 1918.

A. R. Bannerji, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,
First Councillor to
the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr.C. Lake, of South Mysore, came to me after his interview with you this morning and asked me to furnish you with a copy:

1. Deputation's Notes on interview at Delhi with Government of India on Feby. 21st, 1918 signed by Messrs. Tipping & Lake.
2. Government's Notes on the interview signed by Sir George Barnes.

I have the honour to call your attention to the paragraph reading :- "The Government of India are recommending to the Government of Mysore the advisability of adopting this measure and it is to be hoped that they will see their way to doing so." and would suggest that this might be put into force pending the communication from the Government of India, which would cause very great satisfaction amongst the European planters in the Mysore Province, and relieve them of great anxiety in their present difficulties.

In October last when a Conference was held at Ootacamund to consider some way to Finace the Planting Industries this Association collected from the Coffee planters in the Mysore Province information as to the amounts required by them to carry on their Estates. I have the honour to enclose for your information that statement.

For the three Mysore Associations it is stated that altogether Rs.1,052,296-13-6 (which includes in the North Mysore Planters' Association Rs.14,400 for Kelganie Estate, and the Barguai, Mutsangor and Facheryully Estates, as difficulties I believe have arisen with the Exchange Banks regarding the negotiation~~s~~ of Bills, and the Hiravati Estate Rs.11,500 belonging to the South Mysore Planters' Association.

The originals of the enclosed statement were sent to the Secretary, Revenue Department, Government of **Madras**, at the time of the Conference.

Any other information that you may wish to have furnished to you, I will supply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Secretary.

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DEPUTATION'S NOTES ON INTERVIEW AT DELHI WITH GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON FEBRUARY 21st, 1918.

On the day of our arrival at Delhi we called at the Offices of the Q.M.G and were able to settle the matter of the Purchase of Coffee as a ration for the troops in the East an order being placed that morning with the Secretary, U.P.A.S.I. for 100 tons of matured coffee. Their intention is to repeat this order once a quarter through the U.P.A.S.I. provided that the Coffee is liked by the troops which, we were told, was doubtful.

We pointed out that the palatableness of coffee entirely depended on the way in which it is prepared and were told that steps had been taken to roast and grind the coffee once a week and that the actual making of the coffee was being considered so as to insure it being properly made.

With regard to the Scheme for the Purchase of coffee by Government none of the arguments we were able to bring forward in support of this had any effect in moving Government from their decision not to create a precedent by purchasing the produce of any Industry as a measure of relief.

We were, therefore, obliged to consider the alternative proposal put forward by Government of Taccavi loans against both harvested and growing crops as a means of tiding over our difficulties and of assisting planters from being forced to sell at unremunerative prices from want of cash.

We were told that the present rate of interest on Taccavi loans is 6¼%.

The Government of India are recommending to the Government of Mysore the advisability of adopting this measure and it is to be hoped that they will see their way to doing so.

The 1917-18 crop, being about 7,000 tons, we estimated that half belonged to members of the U.P.A.S.I. of which one-third had already been sold according to available figures and we considered that 20 to 25 lacs would meet our requirements for the coming year's working expenses.

The Representative of the Controller of Shipping was called in and only gave hope of very limited space being occasionally available to Australia, Suez and S. Africa. The question of export to S. Africa was brought up and the Government said they were not aware of any restriction on importation but promised to at once enquire and advise the U.P.A.S.I. on the matter. Also to advise when any tonnage was available. The Controller summed up the situation by saying "the whole question hinges on sinkings and construction."

With regard to the removal of stocks of coffee for storage to a more suitable climate during the monsoon we received the following letter from Sir George Barnes subsequent to the interview:

Government of Commerce & Industry
India.

Delhi, 21st February, 1918

Dear Mr. Tipping,

I have seen Sir Robert Gillan and Colonel Cameron about the moving of your coffee. Will you kindly write to Col. Cameron, Controller of Traffic, Delhi, saying exactly what you want and the amounts to be moved from each station and the point to which it is to be moved. He will then try to meet your wishes as far as possible. You will remember that it is essential that wagons should not be kept waiting and that full wagon loads must be sent. Col. Cameron says that it will be much easier to move the coffee to Coimbatore than to Tuticorin. So if Coimbatore suits you equally well, it will be wise to choose that place rather than Tuticorin.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- G. S. Barnes

[illegible] Tipping, Esq.,
Hotel Cecil, Delhi.

We are strongly of opinion that in order to deal with vital questions affecting the Coffee Industry in these critical times it is essential that a small Committee of Coffee Planters be immediately formed with the authority of the U.P.A.S.I. and that they should be given full powers to act on behalf of the Community. This being the only way in which to avoid the very serious loss of time that now occurs before any important matters can be dealt with. That with the consent of the Chairman of the U.P.A.S.I. this Committee be put in direct communication with the Secretary, U.P.A.S.I.

We wish to express our thanks to Mr. J. G. Hamilton for his invaluable help in posting us up in all the essential points of the Coffee situation which entailed a very great deal of time and trouble.

While at Delhi we met Capt. O. Tonks, Special Officer of Leave and Embarkation Committee, Ceylon and heard from him the outlines of the Ceylon Planters' Scheme for receiving Officers invalided and on leave from Mesopotamia as guests in Planting Districts.

We made a point of stopping in Bombay to see Col. Ward who is the head of this Department with a view to ascertaining whether South Indian Planters could not also help in a similar manner.

Col. Ward, in thanking us for the offer, suggests that we should send in to him the names of those who were willing to take in Officers as guests. We suggest that this might be done through the medium of the Planters' Chronicle and the kind offices of the Secretary, U.P.A.S.I., and District Honorary Secretaries requesting the latter to state the amenities of the District they live in and the number of guests their members would be willing to entertain for a month at a time.

It would also be necessary for them to state which would be the most suitable months in which to receive these guests.

Although the main object of the Deputation was not achieved we feel that good has been done in that we were able to clear up many points with regard to the peculiar position of coffee in ~~relat~~ relation to other Industries. There seems little doubt that Government is prepared to help us as far as the present abnormal state of finance and shipping will permit although they are not able to do so by the direct purchase of our Produce.

We were satisfied that Government are fully considering the position of the Coffee Planters and have every intention of helping them through their present difficulties and have no intention of letting the Industry go under.

Signed/- P. G. Tipping

Vice-Chairman, U.P.A.S.I

C. Lake,

President, South Mysore P.A.

GOVERNMENT'S NOTE ON THE INTERVIEW.

Messrs. Tipping and Lake representing the United Planters' Association of Southern India, interviewed Sir George Barnes this morning, when Mr. Gubbay, representing the Finance Department and Mr. Ley were also present.

It was explained to the Deputation that it was out of the question for Government to purchase the unsold balance of the crop, as was proposed in the Scheme drawn up by the Association. It was pointed out that this was not a form of relief which Government had ever adopted before, or, which they were prepared to consider in this case. In all probability it would involve them in claims for purchases from middlemen-holders of coffee, not to mention other trades which suffer from the war. Further, it was emphasised that any difficulties that the trade might meet in selling their crop would be felt even more severely by Government. The latter had not found it possible to provide freight for private shipments of coffee on account of the prior claims of articles of national importance, and the fact that they were themselves the owners of the crop would not enable them to overlook these prior claims.

It was considered that the only possible way of meeting the difficulty would be by way of taccavi advances for which machinery already exists. The Association preferred, if this method of giving relief were adopted, that advances should be given on the security of the crop rather than on that of the Estates. Some Estates were already heavily mortgaged, and even in cases where they were not, there were objections to mortgaging the Estates which could not be urged against a mere hypothecation of the crop. Government would be in part secured against the risk of the crop being unsaleable by the fact that future crops as well as crops already harvested could be hypothecated. The Deputation estimated that a figure between 20 and 25 lakhs, of which Mysore could be asked to bear a share, would probably represent the maximum total assistance that would be required. The representatives of the Association said that the latter could not undertake to guarantee the re-payment of advances but the District Associations concerned would be prepar-

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ed to advise and give considered and responsible recommendations in indivudal cases. They would make enquiries and give an estimate of the output and generally of the solvency of each concern involved. This of course only had reference to concerns which were members of the Associations.

The question was also discussed as to what figure should be regarded as the maximum which Government would be prepared to advances against a specified quantity of coffee. It was admitted that at existing prices Government could not be expected to advance more than Rs.450/- per ton against a future crop but that Rs.600/- per ton might be advanced against crop already harvested.

The question of the interest to be charged was reserved, though it was made clear that Government would not raise the rate especially against coffee planters.

Sir George Barnes also undertook to enquire what could be done in the way of providing wagons for the movement of coffee from the damp climate of the West Coast to Tuticorin or other drier places.

The Deputation asked that whatever was decided in respect of financial assistance might be given immediate effect to.

Signed/- G. S. Barnes

21-2-18.

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BABABUDIN PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Names of Estates.	Acreage.	Amount.
Kulhutty	600	Rs.41,000 0 0
Sidda Khan	560	42,628 13 6
Santaveri Jignykhan	440	40,100 0 0
Kurkenmutti, Sampigay Hutti & Jignekhan	600	38,803 0 0
	2,200	Rs.162,531 13 6
Betay Khan Estate	190	Rs. 15,300 0 0
Gonebul Estate	70	4,700 0 0
	acres 2,460	Rs.182,531 13 6

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NORTH MYSORE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Names of Estates	Acreage	Amount.		
Gubgull	170	R. 14000	0	0
Someshwarkhan –	256.15	29600	0	0
Hogwinhulla	270.15	18300	0	0
Mavinkere	340	25800	0	0
Doobla	210	9000	0	0
Balekhonda	88	6500	0	0
Here Huckloo	375	10000	0	0
Howin Huckloo	210	10000	0	0
Gunta Naik	255	10000	0	0
Kurady Khan & Kolar	650	25000	0	0
Kelgannie	175	£80 per mensem 0	0	0
Honeyvale and Merthikhan –	856	87490	0	0
Isabel	180	7200	0	0
Bibbenluke	270	9600	0	0
Betsakul	176	7200	0	0
	4480.30	R. 269590	0	0

Kelgannie Estate require £80 a month but if crop can be shipped no financial help is required.

Yelliemudloo	220	10000	0	0
Balehonnur	300	10000	0	0
Kotordi	140	5000	0	0
KerkieCoondah	322	10000	0	0
Gudde Tota	200	10000	0	0
Hurgaddi Khan	271	1500	0	0
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Kartikerri	87	10700	0	0
	6020.30	326790	0	0
Hendakhan	105	9000	0	0
	6125.30	R. 335790	0	0

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SOUTH MYSORE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

Names of Estates	Acreage	Amount.		
Biccode	200	Rs. 13,000	0	0
Handi	100	5,000	0	0
Ꝙ Bettadmane	80	0	0	0
Ootsey	70	2,700	0	0
Ooghully	207	5,400	0	0
Canajore	200	1,400	0	0
Kumergode	315	18,450	0	0
Seagully	93	600	0	0
Kiranhully	120	8,400	0	0
Subbanhully	255	15,500	0	0
Chundrapore	350	15,500	0	0
Bedagulli	158.50	10,800	0	0
Kumberhally	506	10,000	0	0
Hoskerra	168	1,200	0	0
Rudrasiri	120	30,300	0	0
Woger, Yellihodigi & Harlay	345	1,500	0	0
Halakee	250	22,300	0	0
Barguai	276	14,550	0	0
Mutsaugor & Eachurvully	230	12,000	0	0
Angadi	250	15,000	0	0
Dod Lackonda	190	18,500	0	0
Soondhully & Lackoonda	200	56,000	0	0
Ubban & Dataypore	700	6,000	0	0
Moodsoosie	76	10,300	0	0
Hooli Hundloo	140	14,000	0	0
Chickanhully	164	14,400	0	0
Hossully	170	9,200	0	0
Salawara	100	3,800	0	0
Goorghully	42	45,950	0	0
Ossoor, Bellagode, Bargeymanny & Madah	690	12,000	0	0
Chetenhalli	213	3,650	0	0
Hooldy	50	7,075	0	0
Archullie	100	6,000	0	0
Lingapur	115	7,000	0	0
Holalu	125	48,000	0	0
Utollalu	645	27,000	0	0
Biathney	375	9,000	0	0
Cubbonhully	130			
	8537.50	508,075	0	0

	Acreage	Amount				
Deduct						
* Barguai	276	Rs.22,300				
Mautsaugor & Eachurvully	230	14,550	506	36,850	0	0
			8031.50	471,225	0	0

* Govt.Finance not required at present as Letters of credit are still available from London.

Ꝙ Arrangements made up to March 1918. Money required from April 1st 1918 on estimate of 1918-19.

Total Acres 8031.50 Rs.471,225-0-0.

Hiravati Estate Manager writes that Government Assistance is more required at present but will be intimated should it become necessary. His reqdirements will be Rs.11,500/-.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED
TO THE MANAGER.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MYSOREBANK,"
CODE: A. B. C. 5TH EDITION.
POST BOX No. 37.

The Bank of Mysore, Ltd.,

Bangalore, 4th March 1918.

No. [illegible]

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To

The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dear Mr. Chakravarti,

5/3/18

Will you kindly advise me if Government contemplate making advances on the pledge of this season's coffee when in the -- custody of the Government or Agents to be nominated by the -- Government for that purpose ? I shall be glad to have an -- early reply for communication to the planting community.

Yours sincerely,

Manager.

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General and Revenue
Secretariat.

File No. R 4818 of 191 .6 March

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IMMEDIATE.

Draft reply for approval.

Dear Mr. Rose,

With reference to your letter dated 4th March 1918 regarding advances to Coffee planters I beg to state that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja have not yet sanctioned any scheme of advances. The feasibility of giving some assistance ~~x~~ is however engaging the attention of Government.

Yours sincerely

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DEWAN OF MYSORE

BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

D. O. No. 5546/Ec on file

14th March 1918.

My dear Sir,

The question of affording financial assistance to coffee planters has been engaging our attention as well as that of the Government of India for some time past. The Government of India have now decided that such assistance as is essential to the preservation of this industry can best be given in the form of taccavi loans. [illegible]

The matter was considered in Council [illegible] ~~who~~ decided to adopt a system of loans on the analogy of the taccavi system, the details of which are set forth in the accompanying order. B

A As it is considered desirable that the method and scale of assistance should, as far as possible, be uniform over the entire coffee area in Madras, Coorg and Mysore, it is proposed to ascertain from the Hon'ble the Resident how the Coorg and Madras Governments intend to deal with the question, ~~A~~ Draft letter is appended.

I shall be obliged if you will obtain His Highness' approval to the action proposed.

Yours Sincerely
Sd) M. Visvesvaraya

R., H. Campbell, Esqr., C.I.E.

Proceedings of the Government of [illegible]
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Letter No. 773 dated 17th March 1917 from the Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce submitting a resolution of the Chamber in regard to the embargo on coffee shipments to the United Kingdom and requesting that steps might be taken to obtain exemption in respect of coffee that might be shipped from India prior to the end of May 1917 from the prohibitory order.

2. Correspondence ending with memo No. 1795 dated 9th May 1917 and No. 3838 dated 5th December 1917 from the First Assistant Resident intimating the opinion of British Government, that coffee as freight could not be provided concession of import, that the Shipping Comptroller was unable to give even secondary preference to ~~ax~~ coffee after the claims of priority cargo have been satisfied and that the question of giving financial assistance to coffee industry by means of advances until crops could be realised would be considered.

3. The several representations from the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, individual Coffee planters and associations of planters in Mysore, ending with letter dated 28th February 1918 from Secretary, U.P.A.S.I.

4. Correspondence on the subject ending with Memo No.823 dated 7th March 1918 from the First Assistant Resident intimating the views of Government of India regarding assistance to coffee industry and enquiring what action if any the Durbar decide to take in the matter.

Order thereon:-

After carefully considering all the aspects of the case and the present situation of the coffee industry in the State, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are of opinion that a system of loans on the analogy of the taccavi system is the most ~~sth~~ suitable and practicable form of help to be offered.

2. The following scheme of granting advances to coffee planters in Mysore is accordingly sanctioned:-

(i) The loans will be granted under the Taccavi Loan Rules framed under section 194 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code and printed in Chapter XII of the Mysore Revenue Manual.

Subject to the modifications introduced by this order

(ii) Loans under this order will be disbursed only in cases in which Government help is considered absolutely necessary to prevent serious detriment to the Estates.

(iii) The loans will be calculated at a rate not exceeding Rs. ~~27~~ 30/- per acre on the acreage under coffee crop in ~~1917-18~~ 1918-19.

The actual rate will depend on the nature of the estate, the prospects of crop in 1918-19, and the area [illegible] [illegible] for maintenance may be required.

~~iv~~ . The maxima prescribed in the Taccavi Loan Rules will not apply.

(iv) The loans will be repayable by ~~period~~ fixed annual instalments discharging both principal and interest within a period not exceeding ~~three~~ two years in any case.

(v) The rate of interest to be charged will be 6¼ per cent. per annum.

(vi) The land itself, the crop thereon and such further collateral security as may be considered necessary to ensure ~~the~~ timely recovery of the loan will be taken as security in each case. Printed forms will be supplied to facilitate the execution of documents. In the case of mortgaged estates the consent of the mortgagees will be required to the first loan being treated as the first charge on the Estates

(VII) The loans will be advanced in ~~monthly~~ instalments as shown below from June 1918 to March 1919.

(vii) The working of the scheme will be entrusted to a Committee consisting of Revenue Commissioner as President, two representatives of the European and Indian planters in Mysore respectively as members, and the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce as member and secretary.

(VIII) If the amount of loan per acre is more or less than Rs ... the instalments will be altered in proportion.

(viii) It will be the duty of this Committee with the help of such local Committees as may be appointed with the approval of Govt. to enquire into all applications and decide the amount to be advanced in each case. The Committee will also fix instalments in which the loan is to be paid, the time to be allowed for repayment of the loan and the amount of each instalment.

(IX) The scheme will be worked by Deputy Commrs of the districts concerned viz. Kadur & Hassan assisted by Local Committees to be appointed by ~~the~~ Govt. The Dy Commrs will themselves sanction loans upto Rs 5000 after consulting the respective Committees. Applns for higher amts will be forwarded to Govt for sanction with the recomdn of the Dy Commr.

(ix) The monetary transactions relating to the scheme will be managed by the Bank of Mysore, Ltd. The Bank will make the necessary advances out of funds placed at its disposal by Government after obtaining the necessary agreements and adopting all safeguards ~~& will also~~ make recoveries with ~~the~~ and cooperation of the Revenue Dept as may be required.

(xi) Loans under this order may be sanctioned and disbursed up to the end of ~~September~~ March 1919.

3. ~~The~~ Dy Commrs of Kadur & Hassan will give publicity to this scheme within their respective districts & call for applns from those requiring help in the ~~[illegible]~~ forms to be prescribed for the purpose. No applns received after 31st Aug 1918 will be considered by Govt. Before 10th Septr the Dy Commrs will submit a list of all applns to Govt. After considering the aggregate ~~number of~~ applns & the funds available ~~[illegible]~~ Govt will decide the rate per acre which it will be possible to advance. The instalments ~~payable~~ from Septr onwards will be fixed accordingly. The instalments for June July and August may be paid at rates not exceeding those specified above at the discretion of the Dy Commrs after proper documents be executed.

4. It must be clearly understood that the grant of loans under the scheme now sanctioned does not commit ~~Govt~~ [illegible] to the continuance of any loans in the next ~~[illegible]~~ year.

5. It is estimated that a sum of ~~eight~~ about eight ~~to nine~~ lakhs ~~may be required~~ will be available for making ~~the~~ advances under this scheme now sanctioned. ~~The Comptroller is requested~~ to revise the ways and means estimate for the current year in consultation with the Committee and make

necessary provision~~s~~ has been made in the ways and means estimate ~~for the year 1918-19.~~

Secretary to Government.

13.3.18

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D.O. no. 263
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THE PALACE,
BANGALORE.

15-3-18

Dear Sir

I am desired to return the accompanying file & to say that His Highness approves of the proposals therein made for giving relief to Coffee Planters in Mysore.

Yours truly

Financial Secretary

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United Planters' Association of Southern India
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Incorporated

25, South Parade,
Bangalore, 3rd April, 1913.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K. C. I. E.,
Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to ask if any decision has been arrived as to the loans to European~~s~~ and Indian Planters in Mysore against harvested and coming crops. You will remember that at the interview you gave Messrs. Hart, Hamilton and myself on the 19th March at which Mr. Couchman attended, you expressed a hope that definite orders would issue before the end of the month. It is the matter of loans against harvested crops which is pressing urgency to enable planters to pay off and advance their coolies.

The method of taccavi loans against coming crops, I understand, would be a matter for discussion at a conference to be held about the middle of this month.

I recognise, and it was much appreciated by all of us, that you are willing to fall into line with the Madras and Coorg Governments as regards these loans.

It is to urge on you the urgency of granting loans on harvested crops that I am now writing in full confidence that you will be able to give me some assurance that these loans will be speedily granted so that I may send the glad tidings to the Mysore Planters.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Fletcher Norton

Secretary.

D.O. No. 710/8.4.1918.
Faircopy issued on 8.4.1918 by the Fin: Secy's office

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant to the address of the Dewan in the matter of loans to Coffee Planters. As uniformity of action on the part of all the three Governments concerned, viz., the Madras, the Coorg and this Government, is essential, the Durbar are awaiting a communication from the other two Governments on the subject and they are prepared to act as soon as an understanding is reached.

6.4.18

Yours faithfully,

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(Financial Secretary)

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The Secretary,
The U.P.A.S.I.,
Bangalore.

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